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THE

BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

OF

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY,

ILLINOIS.

ILLUSTRATED.

"A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations."—MACAULAY.

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PREFACE.



THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea, the BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought this county to a rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men never could be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.

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ALBERT C. BURNHAM.

BIOGRAPHICAL.



LBERT C. BURNHAM, deceased. Honored and respected by all, there was no man in Champaign who occupied a more enviable position in business circles than Mr. Burnham. Not only on account of the brilliant success he achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward business policy he always followed. He was one of nature's noblemen, and the world is better for his having lived. He was a man of the times, broad-minded, public-spirited and progressive, and to him Champaign is indebted for many valuable gifts.

Mr. Burnham was born in Deerfield, Michigan, February 11, 1839, and was reared upon a farm. He took a rather thorough course of study before starting out in life for himself, and is reported to have said that on coming to Champaign county he was still three hundred dollars in debt for the expenses of his education. During the winter of 1860–61 he taught school in Onarga, Iroquois county, Illinois, and early in the following spring came to Champaign and entered the office of J. B. McKinley to read law. He was a good student and soon completed the course and was admitted to the bar. In the meantime he evinced more liking for business affairs than for the practice of law. As it happened about this time eastern capitalists began sending money to Mr. McKinley for investment in farm securities and Mr. Burnham did a large part of the formal work of making these loans. After he was licensed to practice he entered into a business arrangement with Mr. McKinley, under the firm name of McKinley & Burnham, and this connection continued until our subject's marriage.

At Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1866, Mr. Burnham married Miss Julia F. Davison, and to them were born two children: Robert Davison, a resident of Champaign; and Mary B., wife of Newton M. Harris, of the same city. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham began their married life in the little house on Church street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hamilton, and afterward moved to what was known as the Butterfield property on the grounds where the Atheneum now stands, making that their home until their removal to the residence on the corner of Lynn and Church streets, now occupied by their daughter, Mrs. Harris.

During the early days of the Civil war, Mr. Burham was a clerk in the commissary department of the army, but suffering from an injury received by being thrown from a horse, he resigned his position and returned

home. After his marriage he was engaged in the banking business for some years at the location now occupied by his successors, and established what has become one of the most solid financial institutions of this section of the state. J. R. Trevett, now a member of the firm, entered his office as an employe in the spring of 1870. On the 1st of March, 1871, the firm of Burnham, McKinley & Company was organized, and R. R. Mattis entered their employ in 1875. When that firm was dissolved March 1, 1876, Messrs. Burnham, Trevett and Mattis entered into a copartnership. Although our subject retained his connection with this banking house up to the time of his death, he practically left the business of the company to the junior members of the firm during the last ten years of his life, while he devoted his attention almost entirely to his large financial interests. The business relations of the company were most harmonious, and Mr. Burnham was often heard to say that few men had been so fortunate as he in the ability, trustworthiness and capacity of their business associates. He, himself, was a most able financier, and through his own well-directed efforts and wise investments he accumulated a handsome fortune, enabling him to surround his family with all the comforts and luxuries which wealth can secure. He left an estate valued at between one and two million dollars, and gave his son and daughter, together with his partners, Messrs. Trevett and Mattis, full charge of the same without bond and without report. The property is to be left intact until 1920, when it is to be divided among his legal heirs. In politics Mr. Burnham was a Republican and served as school treasurer for some time.

While enjoying his well-deserved prosperity, Mr. Burnham was not unmindful of the public, and cast about him for opportunities to do some act of lasting good to the community in which he lived, and especially to the needy and suffering. In the summer of 1893 his attention was attracted by a newspaper article giving a detailed account of the hardships and sufferings of an unfortunate invalid in a poor family in Champaign, and on the evening of October 19, 1893, in the presence of a few friends at the home of Jerome T. Davidson, Mr. Burnham announced his intention of giving ten thousand dollars to build a hospital for the city, which amount was later increased to twenty-five thousand dollars. The hospital was built and at his request was named the Julia F. Burnham hospital in honor of his beloved wife. In announcing the fact of his purpose in this matter, The Gazette, October 20, 1893, said: "The gift is understood to be in the nature of a memorial to his wife in her lifetime and the money will reach its destination through her hands." This hospital now stands at the corner of Springfield avenue and Fourth street—a monument to the goodness of the woman whose name it bears and to the generosity of him whose thoughtfulness made its construction possible. Before this work was fairly completed a sad affliction came upon Mr. Burnham. He and his wife went to New York in the latter days of October, 1894, he being called there on business. While there they had rooms at the Hoffman House, and during his absence, Mrs. Burnham was overtaken with a stroke of something in the nature of paralysis, from which she expired on the 28th of that month. The remains were brought back to Champaign and interred in Mt. Hope cemetery, November 1, 1894, the manifestations of sorrow and grief being general

throughout the city. This was a blow from which it seemed for a time that Mr. Burnham could hardly recover his faculties. Seldom has bereavement seemed to strike a man so severely.

It appears that on the way to New York, Mr. and Mrs. Burnham talked over and decided upon another gift to the city, which he afterward made. This was revealed to the public on the evening of January 1, 1895, when at a meeting of the city council, G. W. Gere appeared for Mr. Burnham and announced the purpose formed by the latter to give the city a gift of fifty thousand dollars, as follows: thirty-five thousand to be expended in the construction of a library building to be perpetually the property of the city for library purposes; ten thousand dollars to be securely invested and the proceeds thereof to be applied to the purchase of books; and the lot known as the Butterfield property on West Church street, valued at five thousand dollars, to be the site of the new library building. This gift was gratefully accepted by the city, and the elegant Burnham Atheneum is the result. It is a second monument to the name and honor of the good citizen who always had the best interests of Champaign at heart, and will reflect credit upon him and do good to the community as long as the city has an existence. On the 13th of September, 1897, while on his way to the office, Mr. Burnham was overcome with the heat and expired almost instantly.

His record was that of a man who by his own unaided efforts worked his way upward to a position of wealth and affluence. In all places and under all circumstances he was loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely preferable than fame and position. In all those fine traits of character which combine to form what we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph in the hour of adversity—in those qualities he was royally endowed.

ANDREW S. DRAPER, LL. D. The name of Dr. Draper is a familiar one in educational circles throughout the country, and as the president of the University of Illinois he has materially advanced the intellectual status of this commonwealth. Man's worth in the world is measured by what he has done for his fellow men, and certainly he is deserving of great gratitude who has enabled others to understand their own powers, to having cognizance of their intellectual strength and developed their capabilities in a way that will make their opportunities in life greater and broader. Such a work is that which occupies the attention of him whose name introduces this review, and today he stands among the leaders in educational labors in the Mississippi valley.

President Draper was born in Westford, Otsego county, New York, June 21, 1848, his parents being Sylvester Bigelow and Jane (Sloan) Draper. The father was a farmer and manufacturer of Westford. Nine generations of the Draper family have resided in America, the original ancestor in this country having come from England in 1646. One of the great-grandfathers of the Doctor was a captain in King Philip's war, and two others were Revolutionary heroes. All were residents of Massachusetts. The Sloans were of Scotch-Irish ancestry and came to America in 1812, locating in Wash-

ington county, New York. Samuel Sloan, the maternal grandfather, was the first of the family to take up his abode in the new world. His family were of the Presbyterian faith, while the Draper family were Congregationalists in religious belief. Soon after the Revolutionary war the Drapers made a settlement in the midst of the wilderness, in Otsego county, New York, and there resided the great-grandfather, the grandfather and the father of our subject, and lands first taken were in possession of members of the family for over one hundred years. When Dr. Draper was a lad of seven summers his parents removed to Albany, New York. In the public schools of that city the Doctor obtained his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in the Albany Academy. Later he was a student in the school of law of the Union University, being graduated in the class of 1871. Having been admitted to the bar he practiced law in Albany fourteen years, and during that time, from 1878 to 1881, he was a member of the board of education of that city. He had also successfully engaged in teaching from 1866 to 1870, being a member of the faculty of the Albany Academy during a portion of that time.

A recognized leader in public thought and opinion, Dr. Draper was called upon to represent his district in the New York Legislature in 1881, and was made a member of the committees on ways and means, and public education, and public printing, but gave the greater part of his time to the first named. He was also a member of a special committee of that Legislature that investigated the affairs of the Elmira Reformatory, prepared the report of the committee, and also the first bill which became a law in New York against contract labor in the prisons. He was likewise a member of the special committee that entertained General Grant on the part of the Legislature and also a member of the special committee that investigated the charges of bribery preferred against Senator L. B. Sessions in connection with the contest over the election of a United States senator brought on by the resignation of Senators Conklin and Platt. Dr. Draper supported those two senators in that prolonged contest. He was a member of the Republican state central committee from 1882 until 1885, and was chairman of the executive committee during the presidential campaign of 1884. The same year he was a delegate to the Republican national convention and supported the nomination of President Arthur. He had charge of the details of the party campaign in New York in 1884, and visited Mr. Blaine at his invitation at his home in Augusta, Maine, and later accompanied him on his two celebrated tours of the Empire state. The same year he was appointed by President Arthur—the appointment being confirmed by the senate—as one of the judges of the United States court created by Congress to determine the individual claims against the Geneva award. In 1886 he was elected by the New York legislature to the position of state superintendent of public instruction and re-elected in 1889, serving until 1892. During this time the educational system of New York state was in a large measure re-organized, and many legislative acts were passed of benefit to the schools. The courses of work in the normal schools and the teachers' training classes were entirely revised and a complete system of uniform examinations for teachers' certificates was established.

In 1892 Dr. Draper was chosen super-

intendent of instruction in the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, and filled that position for two years. A new law had been enacted for the city which placed the appointment and removal of teachers wholly in the hands of the superintendent, and in this way the teaching-force was purged and reinvigorated and the standard of the schools was materially raised. Examinations as tests of advancement from grade to grade in grammar schools was abolished and the judgment of the teachers substituted therefor. The work of the city training school was revised, and the whole city educational system took on new energy and effectiveness. In 1894 Dr. Draper was elected president of the University of Illinois and has since occupied the position. During his incumbency harmony has prevailed in the councils of the university and all the friends of the institution have combined to lift it to a place of first rank among the universities of the country. Through the favor of the people of the state and generous appropriations by the Legislature these efforts have been in a large measure successful. New university buildings have been secured, and the instructional force has more than doubled during the past five years, while the number of students has increased from less than eight hundred to more than twenty-two hundred. Dr. Draper has been a frequent contributor to the educational press and has delivered addresses before educational bodies in more than one-half the states of the Union. He has recently published a work entitled "The Rescue of Cuba," which has attracted much attention and won much commendation throughout the country.

In 1872 Dr. Draper was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Louise Lyon, of New Britain, Connecticut, and they now have two children: Charlotte Leland and Edwin Lyon. The Doctor was formerly a member of the Congregational church (though now affiliated with the Presbyterian church), and for many years was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Albany. In 1889 the degree of Doctor of Law was conferred upon him by Colgate University. He is an honorary member of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and though his life has been largely devoted to intellectual labors, he yet realizes the value and importance of physical development, and is very fond of outdoor sports, particularly of horses, baseball and boating. He has traveled extensively throughout this country, and in 1899 he visited Europe, spending many pleasant hours in viewing the places of historic and modern interest in Ireland, England, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing our subject to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, has much human sympathy and an abiding charity, which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally secured for him the respect and confidence of men.

JUDGE WILLIAM D. SOMERS, one of the most prominent old settlers of Champaign county, and one who has been an important factor in advancing its interests, was born in Surry county, North Carolina, in 1812, a son of Waitman and Win-

nifred Somers. By occupation the father was a farmer. Our subject was reared in his native state but received only a limited education. In early life he went to live with Joseph Williams, then clerk of the county and circuit courts of Surry county, and as a clerk in his office acquired his first knowledge of law. He read medicine and then engaged in practice there for a time as by an act of the Legislature two graduate physicians could give permission for an applicant to practice.

In November, 1840, Judge Somers came to Champaign, which was then a very small place, and he rode on horseback over the open prairie for miles around. He was in limited circumstances on coming to the county, but later purchased land here. He married Miss Catherine P. Carson, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whose family were among the first to locate in this region. She died in 1898, leaving three children, namely: Pauline, now the wife of George Curtis, of Peoria; Mollie, wife of Charles Besore, of Champaign; and Cora, wife of Mr. Parker, of Urbana, Illinois.

For some years after coming to this county Judge Somers was engaged in the practice of medicine, and in the meantime read law, being persuaded to adopt the legal profession by his wife, who was a well-educated woman and believed that he possessed the necessary requirements of a successful lawyer. He was admitted to the bar by Judge Trent and devoted his entire time to practice until about ten years ago, when he retired from active business. He was interested with Abraham Lincoln in many cases tried before the local and supreme courts, and in his day was one of the most successful attorneys connected with the bar of Champaign county. He tried many important cases, one of the most noted being the will case of Brownfield versus Brownfield. For a number of years he was local attorney for the Illinois Central Railroad Company and received as high as a one-thousand-dollar fee from them in the days of smaller fees. As a lawyer he probably had no superior in Champaign county at that time. On attaining his majority he became identified with the Democratic party, but of recent years has affiliated with the Republican party. He was never an office seeker, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his professional duties. He has brought his keen discrimination and thorough wisdom to bear not only in professional paths, but also for the benefit of the city which has so long been his home and with whose interests he has been thoroughly identified. It was principally through his instrumentality that the University of Illinois was established at Champaign, being at that time a member of the board of supervisors who met at Springfield to decide on a location, and for this one act, as well as many others, the community owes him a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid. His home for several years past has been at the corner of Green and Race streets.

JOHN W. BEARDSLEY, secretary and manager of the Champaign Machine & Supply Company, is a young man of superior executive ability and sound judgment, who already occupies a good position in the business world, and has a fine prospect of reaching the topmost round of the ladder of prosperity. He was born in Champaign, May 31, 1870, and throughout his business career has been prominently identified with the interests of the city.

The Beardsley family is from Stratford-on-Avon, England, and was founded in this country as early as 1635. John Beardsley, the great-grandfather of our subject, served six years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and lost his hearing at Stony Point by the bursting of a cannon. He died in 1802. His son, John Beardsley, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Stratford, Connecticut. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a cabinet maker by trade, which occupation he followed until his removal to Ohio. He was a pioneer of Milford township, Knox county, and was one of the organizers of the township. On the 19th of March, 1822, he wedded Mary Fitch, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, and with his bride in a one-horse wagon, which contained their complete outfit, went to Ohio. He was a man of note in his community, was a Whig in politics and held many offices. In his youth he was a member of the Congregational church, and later was a believer in the doctrines as taught by Beecher, Dow and Taylor. He, himself, possessed considerable power as a speaker. He died February 24, 1887, at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Of his eight children, four died in childhood. The others are Charles, who was appointed fourth auditor of the United States treasury and served in that office eight years; Henry, an attorney of Clark, Nebraska; Mrs. Mary Craven, of Milford, Ohio; and George F., father of our subject.

George F. Beardsley was born in Ohio, May 26, 1827, and was reared on a farm in that state and educated in the primitive schools of his day. In his youth he joined the ranks of the district school teachers and spent sixteen winters in this vocation. On reaching manhood he followed farming in Ohio until 1867, when he came to Champaign and embarked in the loan and real estate business. In 1895 he built the Beardsley Hotel, but afterwards sold it to Charles B. Hatch. While a resident of Ohio, he served as postmaster at Milfordton under Presidents Buchanan and Lincoln and held the office of justice of the peace for eight years. In 1864 he was a member of the National Guards, and was in active service around Petersburg. Since coming to Champaign he has been prominently identified with many of its business interests, and has done as much, if not more than any other man for the upbuilding and development of the city. He has also taken quite an active part in public affairs, serving as member of the board of education many years, and of the city council fourteen years. In political sentiment he is a Republican. He has been an active church worker for many years, a member of the Congregational church, and gives an earnest support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, educational or material welfare of the city or county. Few men are better known throughout the community, and none are more honored or highly esteemed. In Knox county, Ohio, he was married, August 10, 1854, to Martha Mahan, a daughter of John and Martha Mahan, of New York state. Six children were born of this union, three of whom are now living: Henry M., who married Marietta Davis and lives in Kansas City, Missouri; Annie Laurie; and John W., our subject.

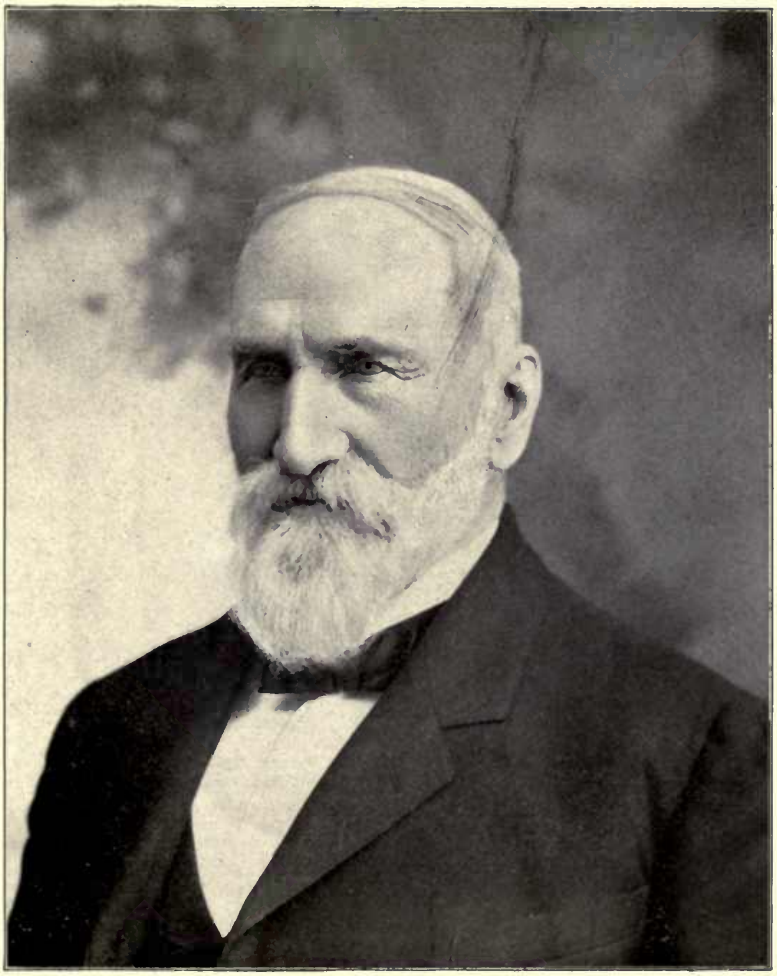
The primary education of John W. Beardsley was obtained in the public schools of Champaign, and later he entered the Illinois University, taking the modern language course and graduating in 1890 with the degree of B. L. With the expectation of taking up the practice of law, he went to

Kansas City, Missouri, and entered the law office of Beardsley & Gregory, but owing to ill health of his father he soon returned home, and became interested in the real estate and insurance business with his father. In 1894 he became secretary of the Maltby & Wallace Company, and remained with them in that capacity until 1896, when the firm made an assignment, and out of it developed the Champaign Machine & Supply Company, of which he is a stockholder, secretary and manager, the president being Professor F. A. Sager, of the University; and the vice-president, S. K. Hughes, while the superintendent is J. E. Protzeller. The company have a general machine shop and foundry, which they operate, and are also jobbers in steam and plumbing supplies. Their's is one of the leading industries of the city, and they do a large and profitable business.

In 1899, Mr. Beardsley was united in marriage with Miss Edith M. Stave, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of L. A. Stave, who was for many years connected with the register letter department of the Chicago post office, but owing to ill health he resigned his position, and for the past six years has lived retired in Champaign. Mrs. Beardsley is the only child of her parents now living, one other having died young. Both our subject and his wife are members of the First Congregational church of Champaign, and socially he is a member of Valiant Lodge, No. 150, K. P., and Tuscorora Tribe, No. 107, I. O. R. M. For two years he was secretary of the Champaign Agricultural Association board. Politically he is a Republican, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, he votes for the man he considers best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party lines.

DAVID BAILEY was born in Salem, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, August 2, 1814, of poor but honest parents, his father being a farmer and shoemaker, to which business the most of the boys in that section of the country were reared. There were nine children in this New England home, three sons and six daughters, and the story of their early life is similar to that which has been written of so many others, their time being devoted to hard work and a few months study at the district school during the winter season. David Bailey had no further opportunity for scholastic training. Indeed while he was yet under twelve years of age he was put out to work for a neighboring farmer in order to assist his father in lifting some incumbrances which were pressing, and be it said to their credit that the debt was fully paid.

After spending a number of years on the farm, the subject of this sketch found an opportunity to enter a clerkship at Haverhill, Massachusetts, but did not long remain on account of poor health. He soon drifted to Boston, or rather to Charlestown, where for a time he held a clerkship in the state penitentiary. Late in the '30s he decided to follow the star of the empire and came west as far as Danville, Illinois, where he entered a general store. While there he first met Miss Hannah A. Finley, to whom he was married February 9, 1841, and by this union were born five children, three sons who survive their father, namely: Edward, president of the Champaign National Bank, of Champaign; David, Jr., a resident of Longview; and Ozias, of Texas. The daughters were Abiah, who died in childhood; and Mrs. Sue (Bailey) Slayden, who died some years ago in Waco, Texas.



DAVID BAILEY.

After spending some time working in Danville, Mr. Bailey went to Bloomfield, Edgar county, Illinois, walking all the way as he had not the means to pay coach fare, that being the only mode of travel in those days. There he accepted a position on salary, but later with his brother Ozias, who had recently come west, he formed a partnership under the firm name of O. & D. Bailey, our subject having saved a few dollars. The Bailey peddler's wagons soon became well known throughout the section between the Wabash and Sangamon rivers. The brothers also operated a pork packing establishment at Clinton, Indiana, shipping their produce by flatboats to New Orleans. About 1855 our subject moved to Monticello, and after a short sojourn there came to Urbana. In March, 1856, he removed to Champaign, where for a number of years he successfully conducted a dry goods business on the site of the Metropolitan Block now occupied by F. K. Robinson & Brother.

Aside from this Mr. Bailey was one of the original shareholders and directors of the First National Bank and it was largely through his efforts that the charter was secured, the names appearing with his in the original articles of incorporation being James S. Wright, John F. Thomas, William M. Way, Hamilton Jefferson, B. F. Harris, John S. Beasley, Daniel Gardner, William C. Barrett, Simeon H. Busey, S. P. Percival, John G. Clark and A. E. Harmon. Mr. Bailey disposed of his holdings in this institution some time in the '70s, and in 1882 he became one of the charter members of the Champaign National Bank, in which his holdings were always considerable, and in which he was a director from the date of organization until the time of his death.

During his residence in Champaign, Mr. Bailey was several times elected to the board of supervisors and also served one term as school trustee. He was a public-spirited citizen, contributing liberally yet wisely to every worthy enterprise whether secular or religious. His givings were never ostentatious, but it may be said here that among his gifts are numbered the lots occupied by the Baptist parsonage, he being a member of that society, and the valuable ground now occupied by the city buildings.

Mr. Bailey gave up his residence in Champaign about 1877, and after traveling for a season finally located in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he remained until after the death of his first wife in 1879. Subsequently he lived for a time in New York City, and then returned to the home of his boyhood in New Hampshire, where he spent most of his time, though he frequently visited his old home and friends in Champaign. On the 22nd of March, 1882, he married Miss Harriet Haseltine, of Methuen, Massachusetts, and only two weeks later followed her remains to the cemetery. He was again married, November 1, 1886, his third wife being Mrs. Mary B. Ewins, who survives him. His new residence in that city, built on the site of the old family home, had just been completed and occupied by him when called from this life December 17, 1897, it being his intention had he lived to spend the closing days of his life among the scenes of his greatest successful activity.

Mr. Bailey was a man of magnificent physical presence, and it may truly be said that he carried within his breast a soul worthy of so splendid a habitation. He sought no man's praise, satisfied to have the

approval of his own conscience, and he was immovable in his adherence to justice and right. Once his duty was made plain, nothing could swerve him from it, yet under a stern exterior beat a great, big, kind heart, as those who knew him best can testify. He was a manly man and that means much. His character was developed in pioneer days and while his early opportunity for acquiring an education was very limited, yet by reading and observation he became a well informed and polished gentleman. The life and labors of such as he have made possible the greater comfort and beauty in the world at present.

The editorial comment of the Daily News at the time of his death voiced the sentiment of the entire community and was as follows: "It is with profound sorrow that the people of Champaign have laid to rest the human form in which for eighty-four years reposed the noble soul of David Bailey, as true a man as ever lived in this community. It was to his foresight and effort, probably more than any other, that in the late '50s and through the '60s shaped the affairs of this municipality in a way to lay the foundation for our city's present greatness, and our citizens have never forgotten and could not forget his early and long continued interest in their welfare. It was the nature of Mr. Bailey to stand always bravely for the right. He could neither be cajoled nor coerced in compromising either himself or the interests he represented. He was the very embodiment of manliness. The competency which he left behind was accumulated through honest effort. During his early struggles it may have been difficult at times to pay his bills, but they were all paid in full. What he had was his and no man could question his right to it for no man had ever been crippled or crushed by him in his efforts to get it. Mr. Bailey was a sturdy specimen of that vigorous and noble manhood which scorns to do evil. His whole life was an example of right living; his heart beat warm for the oppressed and distressed; and his purse opened probably with greater frequency than any other in Champaign to alleviate the sufferings of his fellows. Yet it was all done so modestly that only in rare instances did any but the beneficiaries know of his beneficence. Champaign sincerely mourns the loss of this worthy citizen and steadfast friend. His memory will long be cherished by those among which he lived so long and for whom he did so much."

WILLIAM CHERRY, who has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Champaign county and eastern Illinois, and experienced all of the vicissitudes common to the pioneer in this region in the early '50s, is now practically retired from business, and is passing his declining years in peace and plenty, at his pleasant home in the outskirts of Urbana. Possessing the energy and practical methods of the English people among whom he was reared, he was the first in his section of the county to introduce numerous improvements and radical changes from the prevailing system of farming, and wrought out a measure of success rarely attained by the Illinois farmer.

Born in Oxfordshire, England, June 9, 1828, William Cherry is a son of Thomas and Ann (Lock) Cherry, both of whom were natives of the same locality. The father held a position as game-keeper on the estates of Lord Abingdon, and was a faithful and

efficient employe of that nobleman. Born February 14, 1805, he lived to the age of about 85 years, and his wife, who was born in 1806, died September 29, 1878. They were the parents of ten children, namely: William, George, Thomas, Jane, Esther, Barbara, Emma, Ann, Eliza, and Mary.

In his youth, our subject received the greater part of his education in the night schools, and, as he was maturing, he was of much assistance to his father. About the time that he reached his majority he had the reputation of being the most expert plowman of that locality, and in other departments of agriculture he excelled. A spirit of enterprise and ambition led him, at length, to embark for the land of promise, and such our country ultimately proved itself to him. Going to Toledo, he found employment on the construction of the "four-mile level" just west of that city, on the Wabash railway, and the following year he proceeded to Attica, Indiana, where he rented a farm until 1859. The next eight years were spent by him on leased land in the vicinity of the present town of Armstrong, Illinois, and in the fall of 1866 he went to Champaign county, where he had previously purchased a quarter section of land, situated upon section 31, Ogden township. The property was wild prairie, and much of the place was under water part of the year. Solving the difficulty in a practical way, the new owner bought a carload of tiles at the factory in Indiana, and thus was the first one in the county, probably, to institute this common-sense practice of draining low lands. Needless to say, his homestead thrived and yielded abundantly under his judicious management, and his example, in many things, proved an incentive to the whole community. For a score of years he dwelt there, raising large quantities of grain and breeding and feeding live stock extensively. With all of his inherited love for fine stock, he kept Clydesdale horses, short-horn cattle and Southdown sheep, and never failed to obtain high prices for them. When he could afford it, he bought another quarter-section of land, adjoining his home place, and converted the whole into a valuable farm. Later, he sold a portion of the place, and in 1888 bought twenty acres of land, just outside the corporate limits of Champaign, and there made his abode for three years. In 1891, he removed to his present place, comprising ten acres, located on the edge of the town of Urbana, and well improved and desirable in every respect. He also owns several hundred acres of excellent land in Illinois and Nebraska, beside having other paying investments.

The marriage of Mr. Cherry and Sarah, daughter of John and Hannah Lever, all natives of Buckinghamshire, England, was celebrated February 21, 1855. She came to America with her brother, William, who lived at the home of our subject, and her sister Mary. The latter wedded Henry Last, now a retired citizen of West Lebanon, Indiana. As they were not blessed with children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Cherry opened their hearts and home to five different children, whom they adopted, educated and tenderly cared for. One of the number, James H., is a practical and successful farmer of Ogden township. Mrs. Cherry was summoned to the better land August 11, 1894. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was an earnest worker in the Sunday-school and in all good enterprises. On the 9th of December, 1897, Mr. Cherry married Miss Sarah E. Last, daughter of the Henry and

Mary Last mentioned above, and, therefore, a niece of his first wife. She is the only survivor of three children, and was reared to womanhood in Indiana.

In 1888, Mr. Cherry made a trip to England, where he visited the scenes of his happy youth, and renewed old acquaintances. Politically, he has not allied himself to any party, but has independently voted for the nominees and principles in which he has believed at the time. During his residence in Ogden township, he served as commissioner of highways for eight years, and was a school director for twelve years. Religiously, he has been active in the Methodist Episcopal church, and has liberally supported worthy charities. His reminiscences of early days on the frontier are very interesting, and he graphically relates tales of his own and neighbors' experiences before the roads were more than outlined, streams were bridged, markets were easily accessible, and the thousand-and-one improvements and comforts of civilized life were introduced upon these then wild and unpromising prairies.

ANDREW J. MILLER. Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he whose lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. In person, in character and in talents, Mr. Miller is a worthy scion of his race. He has shown himself to be the peer of the brightest members of the bar in this section of Illinois. Having richly inherited the gifts of intellect and oratory of a family which has added luster to the pages of state and national history through successive generations, he to-day holds a position of distinctive preferment among the representatives of the bar of Champaign county.

Andrew Jackson Miller was born in Tolono township, this county, on the 30th of May, 1863, his parents being Isaac J. and Elizabeth W. (Rock) Miller. His grandfather, Nathaniel Miller, spent his early life in New Jersey, and in that state wedded Mary Martin, a sister of Luther Martin, who was one of the lawyers that defended Aaron Burr for treason, and who refused to be a member of the committee that signed the Declaration of Independence because they would not abolish slavery through that document. His father, Henry Martin, was an own cousin of John Quincy Adams and a nephew of John Adams. The Martin family was founded in America about 1645, the original American ancestors having come from England.

Isaac J. Miller, a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Martin) Miller, was born in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, May 18, 1815, spent his boyhood days on the farm there, and when twenty years of age went to Fountain county, Indiana, where he spent a few years on a farm, coming to Champaign county, Illinois, in 1838. He entered land in Tolono township, and transformed the wild tract into richly cultivated fields, whereon he made his home until October, 1874, when he removed to Brown county, Kansas, where he now resides. He was one of the most influential factors in the political circles of Champaign county at an early day, and was very prominent in the public affairs of the state. Of Governors Yates and Oglesby he was an intimate friend, also of John A. Logan, and in his early manhood he was associated with Oliver P. Morton, the war governor of Indiana. Later he became a warm friend and supporter of Abra-

ham Lincoln. He was instrumental in awakening sentiment in favor of and in securing the passage of the Homestead law for the northwest territory, and at the time of the establishment of the University at Urbana he was one of the county supervisors, and with two other members of the board advocated the giving of land by the county and the issuing of bonds to secure the University. After a hard contest, lasting several weeks, the board finally agreed to bring the University to Urbana. In his religious belief, Mr. Miller was a Universalist.

Isaac J. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth W. Rock, daughter of William and Nancy Rock, who came to Sadorus township, in 1823, from Richland county, Virginia. He was one of the most favorably known men in Champaign county, and in his business affairs was very successful, leaving at his death twenty-three hundred acres of land. He represented a family descended from what was known as German Revolutionists, driven from the Fatherland on account of their progressive views, and seeking shelter in America about 1690. The descendants of the Miller, Martin and Rock families now number at least twelve thousand.

Andrew J. Miller, whose name begins this record, first attended school in Brown county, Kansas. After his mother's death, which occurred June 6, 1876, he joined the cowboys of the southwest where he remained for about four years. In the winter of 1880 he attended a night school in Denver, Colorado, and the following summer joined the famous Leadville baseball team, making a tour of almost the entire country. On the 12th of October, 1881, he entered the Northwestern University of Ohio, at Ada, Ohio, now known as the Ohio Normal, where he remained until his graduation with the class of 1885. He then returned to Champaign county, arriving in January, 1886. Here he entered the law office of Judge J. O. Cunningham, and, after spending some time in study, he indicated that he had mastered many of the principles of jurisprudence by successfully passing an examination at Mount Vernon, Illinois, in February, 1889. His scholarship was the highest in the class, his average markings being ninety-nine and a half per cent. Only one man in the state, up to that time, had equalled it, he having, in a two and a half days' examination, missed only one-half of a question.

Mr. Miller at once opened an office in Urbana. No dreary novitiate awaited him, and in a short time he found himself at the head of a distinctively representative clientage. He continued in private practive alone until March, 1896, when he was nominated for the office of state's attorney, and elected in November. Since that time he has held the position. Prior to his advent into the office, there had been forty-four homicides in Champaign county and no man had paid the extreme penalty of his crime. After his election on the 3d of November, 1898, there was a homicide in the southeastern part of the county, the case attracting widespread attention. On the 1st of October, 1898, it was called, the people of Illinois being the plaintiffs, and Richard Collier, the defendant. After two days of hard fighting, the case was given to the jury, and after twelve hours the verdict of guilty was returned, and the defendant sentenced to be hanged. An appeal was made to the supreme court, which refused to interfere. The government was also importuned, but decided to let the law take its course, and on Decem-

ber 16, 1898, the defendant was hanged in the jail at Urbana, which was the first legal execution which had taken place in the county. The entire prosecution was under the care of Mr. Miller, and the trial and its final results did more toward purifying the criminal atmosphere of Champaign county than any other one act in its history—an opinion concurred in by the people throughout the community. During his term of office, up to December, 1899, Mr. Miller has prosecuted three hundred and eighty-seven cases, and only seven men have been acquitted,—a record of twenty-two per cent better than that of any state's attorney in Illinois. He is remarkable among lawyers for the provident care and wide research with which he prepares his cases. In no case has his readings been confined to the limitations of the questions at issue; it has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected, but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of of them. His logical grasp of facts and principles and of the law applicable to them has been another potent element in his success, and a remarkable clearness of expression, an adequate and precise diction, which enables him to make others understand, not only the salient points of his argument, but his every fine gradation of meaning, may be accounted one of his most conspicuous gifts and accomplishments.

Mr. Miller has for some years been recognized as one of the leaders of the Republican party, and in March, 1889, he was elected chairman of the township central committee, and made a member of the Republican county central committee. Since that time he has attended every primary, and the county, state and national conventions, and with the exception of the last named has been a delegate to all. He has canvassed the state three times during the last three presidential campaigns, making from eighty-five to one hundred and fifty speeches in each, and is recognized as the most brilliant, as well as the most logical orator in central Illinois.

On the 15th of September, 1896, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Helen Leaf, of Rochester, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Sarah Leaf. Her mother was a daughter of Mrs. Nancy Wright, a sister of General Robert E. Lee. Her father was born in the earldom of March, England, was educated for a government engineer, and had he remained in England would have inherited the title and lands of the Earl of March, but by espousing the Irish cause, he was deprived of his rights by the crown. When twenty-three years of age he came to the United States, and became superintendent of the construction of the celebrated John S. Hopkins University. Later he had charge of the buildiug of the locks for the Erie canal, and subsequently was general superintendent of the construction of the stone work of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, from Pittsburg to Chicago. On the completion of that contract he retired from active labor, and in the sixty-fourth year of his age departed this life. Mrs. Miller, his daughter, is a faithful communicant of the Episcopal church, while Mr. Miller is of the Universalist faith. He erected one of the fine homes of Urbana at No. 1003 West Illinois street, and the Miller household is the center of a cultured society circle. Socially he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and council of Urbana. He has enjoyed triumphs in his professional career and honors

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in public life, but in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinion of others, kindliness and geniality. His conversation is enlivened by a wit and repartee that renders him a fascinating companion and makes him popular with all classes.

In January, 1900, Mr. Miller announced himself as a candidate for re-election, and on February 28, 1900, with four strong competitors, he received the nomination on the first ballot—an unprecedented fact in the history of the county.

JOSHUA HELLER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is now living a retired life, at No. 709 South Walnut street, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 5, 1820, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Davis) Heller. Our subject's maternal grandfather was Joshua Davis, a native of England, and his paternal grandfather was Andrew Heller, a native of Pennsylvania and a soldier of the war of 1812.

Jacob Heller, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, November 21, 1789, and was educated in the German schools of his native state, which were the only schools in his locality, as most of the people in the community spoke the German language. In 1818 he removed to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he purchased land and engaged in farming until 1852, when he sold his property there and came to Illinois. He died in Champaign county in 1873. He was an earnest and devout Christian man, a member of the Moravian church in early life, but after coming to this state he united with the Methodist Episcopal church. He voted for General Jackson and was a Whig in politics until the organization of the Republican party when he became one of its stanch supporters. In his famliy were four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Thomas wedded Mary Taylor, a native of Ohio, and both are now deceased; Hannah was married in 1840 to Daniel Moore, and after his death was married, in 1848, to James Brash, now deceased, and she is living in Urbana, at the age of eighty-two years; Joshua, our subject, is next in order of birth; and Joel married Hester Davis, and both are now deceased.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the subscription schools of Ohio, which he attended about three months during the year, while the remainder of the time was devoted to work upon the home farm. He remained with his parents until he was married, at the age of twenty-three years, to Miss Sarah Whitehead, who was born in Manchester, England, in 1821, but in 1827 was brought to the United States by her parents, John and Sarah (Grindard) Whitehead, also natives of England, the family locating in Tuscarawas county, Ohio. By trade her father was a wool comber and weaver, and followed that occupation both in England and America. He finally purchased an interest in a woolen mill in Tuscarawas county, and continued his connection with the business until his death. He was born in Christmas day, 1777, and died on Christmas day, 1859. He had ten children, of whom Mrs. Heller was sixth in order of birth. Two sons served for three years in the Union army during the Civil war.

Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heller, but nine of these died when less than three years old. The others are as follows: (1) Hannah is the wife of

Joseph K. Davison, who is employed in the government printing office in Washington, D. C., and they have one daughter, Emma. (2) Richard, a resident of Urbana, married Mary Patterson, and they have four children, Eva, Florence, Ward and Alice. (3) James lives at home with his parents, and runs a corn sheller, threshing machine and clover huller. (4) Mary M. is the wife of George Charles, a blacksmith in the Big Four railroad shops at Champaign, and they have three children, Neola, Ruby and James R. (5) John T., a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, has been an engineer on the lightning express train on the Big Four railroad for four years. He wedded Mary Demsey, and they have three children: Wallace, and Chester and Fay, twins.

After his marriage, Mr. Heller was engaged in farming in Ohio until the fall of 1851, when he moved to Iowa. The following spring he came to Champaign county, Illinois, but in 1853 he removed to the southern part of this state, where he owned and operated a farm for a few years. On selling his property there he returned to Champaign county, where he has since made his home, and was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits. His labors were interrupted during the war of the Rebellion by his service in the war. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Seventy-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and he participated in the battles of Champion Hills, Jackson and Chickamauga. With his command he then went to Meriden, Mississippi, and from there to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was taken ill and sent to the hospital at Cairo, Illinois. Later he was transferred to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and from there to Quincy, Illinois, where he was discharged and then returned home. As soon as he had sufficiently recovered his health he resumed farming, and continued to engage in that occupation for several years, but is now living a retired life in Urbana. Since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, he has affiliated with the Republican party. A brave and fearless soldier, his loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to his country's interests have been among his marked characteristics, and the community is fortunate that numbers him among its citizens. Religiously he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

JOSEPH O. CUNNINGHAM, The profession of the law, when clothed with its true dignity and purity and strength must rank first among the callings of men, for law rules the universe. The work of the legal profession is to formulate, to harmonize to regulate, to adjust, to administer those rules and principles that underlie and permeate all government and society and control the varied relations of man. As thus viewed, there attaches to the legal profession a nobleness that cannot but be reflected in the life of the true lawyer, who, conscious of the greatness of his profession, and honest in the pursuit of his purpose, embraces the richness of learning, the profoundness of wisdom, the firmness of integrity and the purity of morals, together with the graces of modesty, courtesy and the general amenities of life. Mr. Cunningham is now the oldest representative in years of continuous connection of the Urbana bar and also takes precedence as one of its most honored and able representatives. Through



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almost half a century he has been identified with the interests of this city, and upon its social, business, politics, education and moral life he has left the impress of his strong individuality. In Urbana not to know Mr. Cunningham argues one's self unknown and therefore no history of the county would be complete without the record of his upright life, which has been an inspiration and a benediction to many.

Joseph O. Cunningham was born in Lancaster, Erie county, New York, December 12, 1830, a son of Hiram W. and Eunice (Brown) Cunningham. His great-grandparents on the paternal side were Thomas and Lucy (Hutchinson) Cunningham, who lived and died in Milford, Otsego county, New York. Their son, Layton Cunningham, was a native of Connecticut, and was married in Litchfield, that state, to Phoebe Way, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Lewis) Way, also of Litchfield, whence Mr. Cunningham removed with his wife to Otsego county, New York. Before the breaking out of the war of 1812 he went to Erie county, in the Empire state, and his sons joined the American army at the time of the conflict, participating in the skirmishes preceding the burning of Buffalo. He was a farmer by occupation and secured a tract of new land within the Holland purchase. The tracks of the New York Central Railroad now cross the farm which he there developed and which he made his home until his death. On the maternal side Mr. Cunningham, of this review, can trace his ancestry back to William Brown, of Pownal, Bennington county, Vermont whose son, Richard Brown, the great-grandfather of our subject, also lived at Pownal where he followed blacksmithing and manufacturing. After the battle of Bennington many of the injured firearms were gathered up and brought to his shop for repairs, but all were carried off by a freshet of the Hoosac river and lost. His son, Joseph Brown, was born at Pownal, Vermont, and married Sarah Chapman, of Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of Nathaniel Chapman. Just before the inauguration of the war of 1812 Joseph Brown removed with his family to Plattsburg, New York, where he followed the blacksmith's trade, and where he died.

Hiram W. Cunningham, the father of our subject, was born in Otsego county, New York, November 6, 1803, and on the 1st of February, 1830, he married Eunice Brown, who was born in Pownal, Vermont, but had accompanied her widowed mother to the Empire state subsequent to the second war with England. She was first married to Corydon Sheldon, who died leaving one child, Hon. Jairus C. Sheldon, who is now a resident of Urbana, Illinois. Hiram Cunningham had been reared in Lancaster, New York, and when thirty years of age he removed with his family to Clarksfield, Huron county, Ohio, where he secured a tract of wild land in the midst of a dense forest. There he developed a good homestead, clearing one hundred acres of that heavily timbered tract. He was prominent in the public affairs of the county, and in educational matters as well, and was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving as class leader, steward and Sunday-school superintendent for many years. He died July 11, 1866, after which his widow sold the farm and came to Champaign county, Illinois, to make her home with her youngest daughter, who, however, died a year later. Mrs. Cunningham then returned to Ohio with the remains, and in the Buckeye state her death occurred on the 9th of

March, 1869. The children by the second marriage were Joseph O.; A. Palmer, who died in Champaign county, in 1893; Mrs. Olive M. Fisher, of Vermillion county; Orton C., who died in Urbana, in 1871; Edwin W., now an attorney of Emporia, Kansas; and Emma, who died in 1869.

Joseph O. Cunningham acquired his preliminary education in a little log schoolhouse in Ohio, where he not only mastered the common English branches, but also studied elementary algebra. He was afterward a student in Baldwin Academy, at Berea, Ohio, and in Oberlin college completed his literary course. In the meantime he had engaged in teaching, and after leaving college he went to Vermillion county, Indiana, where he was employed as a teacher for a year, spending his leisure time in that period in studying law. He came to Urbana June 18, 1853, and purchased the Urbana Union, the first paper published in Champaign county. He continued as editor and proprietor of that journal for five years until 1858, and was the only Republican editor between Kankakee and Cairo, at a time when it was extremely unpopular and somewhat dangerous to advocate abilition principles.

In 1856 Judge Cunningham was admitted to the bar, and after severing his connection with journalistic work, he attended law school in Cleveland, Ohio. He then opened an office and from the 1st of May, 1859 to the present time has never missed a term of court, handling much of the important litigation in the civil courts of the circuit. He first entered into partnership with J. W. Sim, later county judge, was afterward associated in business with W. B. Webber, and from 1893 Frank H. Boggs has been his partner. His work has been largely chancery and probate practice. In 1861 he was elected county judge, filling the office for four years,—the period of the war. He has enjoyed a distinctively representative clientage almost from the beginning and his devotion to his clients' interest is proverbial. His knowledge of legal principles is comprehensive and profound and his keenly analytical mind enables him to apply these with accuracy to the points in litigation. He published a book entitled "A practical treatise upon the jurisdiction of and practice in county courts of Illinois," a collation of statutes and authorities edited by William C. Jones and J. O. Cunningham. It is now in the second edition. The first part, relating to wills and the settlement of estates, was all prepared by Mr. Cunningham, and much of the second part is his work. In this way, as well as in active practice in the courts, he has left the impress of his individuality upon the jurisprudence of the state.

On the 13th of October, 1853, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Mary McConoughey, of Bainbridge, Geauga county, Ohio, whom he met while a student in Oberlin college. Her father was Colonel P. D. McConoughey, who removed from Massachusetts to Bainbridge, Ohio, in 1810, becoming a pioneer of the latter state. He was a representative of an old family living at Blandford, Hamden county, Massachusetts, and subsequent to the war of 1812 was a colonel of militia. Judge Cunningham and his wife began their domestic life on Race street, Urbana, where they remained for sixteen years, after which they spent a quarter of a century in a very beautiful and spacious home which they gave to the church to be used as a home for the deaconesses and orphans. For the past five years they have resided at their attrac-

tive residence on Green street, Urbana. For many years they have been active and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, have contributed liberally to its support and for the erection of the house of worship. During the greater part of the time the Judge has held some office in the church. In 1896 he was a delegate to the general Methodist conference, at Cleveland, Ohio, and is a provisional delegate to the conference in Chicago. He has initiated a movement for the purpose of giving a more practical turn to church work in founding hospitals and homes, after the manner of the Catholic churches. He has a mind which can rise above all personal considerations and is oftimes concerned with those large, loving interests which affect humanity. His strong mentality and superior intellectual attainments have brought him prominence as one of the gifted men of the state, but probably his greatest work has come in connection with The Deaconesses and Orphans' Home, for the influence of his work is as immeasurable as the universe, and its effect will be felt through all time. He owned a beautiful home north of Urbana which he donated to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal church, together with fifteen acres of land. He and his wife submitted the following proposition to the conference board and it was incorporated in the deed:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters: We are the owners, in fee simple, free of incumbrance, of our home near Urbana, which consists of fifteen acres of land upon which are situated a two-story brick house, with mansard story the house having in all fourteen rooms, three halls, a bathroom, supplied with hot and cold water, ample closets, with cellar and ice house; also a brick gardener's cottage of three rooms and cellar; both of the houses are under metal roofs and have contiguous thereto ample barns with carriage room, also three wells, three cisterns, a steel windmill pump and elevated tank from which the lawn and buildings are supplied with water. This property we desire to give as a free gift to some benevolent purpose where God's poor shall be the beneficiaries, our preference favoring orphans and dependent children. In canvassing the question as to who shall be the almoners of our humble bounty, our minds first turn to the church which bears our names on its records as the most suitable agency to be selected. The purpose which called into existence your board, also highly commends itself to our minds and judgment, and we see no reason why that devoted sisterhood which has lately been organized to meet the later needs of our civilization, may not appropriately share a home with the poor waifs who by death and other casualty are cast upon the care of the church.

"We therefore first make you the offer to convey the property, our beloved home for a quarter of a century, as a free gift to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church to receive the title and administer the trust without other conditions than these: that it shall forever be kept as a Deaconeses and Children's Home, hoping and praying that it shall not only most abundantly meet these needs of the church, but that it shall in some degree turn the attention of the church and its members to the pressing demands made upon it in our day and in our midst for the care and nurture of our poor.

J. O. CUNNINGHAM,
MARY CUNNINGHAM.

Thanksgiving Day, 1894.

The gift was accepted by the board with appropriate ceremonies and named in honor of the donors.

Judge Cunningham has taken an active part in the historical proceedings of the county and is now president of the Historical society of Champaign county. He is also a member of the Clarksfield, Ohio, Memorial Society, before which he has delivered most able addresses. He has also written many articles for local papers and is a most fluent, entertaining, instructive and forceful speaker. In March, 1859, he became a member of Iris lodge, F. & A. M. of Cleveland, Ohio, and in April, 1860, was dimitted to the lodge in Urbana, of which he has been master for six years. He has also been its representative to the grand lodge, was on the committee on work and was one of the authors of the present work. He also belongs to the chapter, council and commadery, and for some time was a trustee of the Masonic property in Urbana. His political support was given the Republican party, until 1876, having allied himself with that party upon its organization. He was one of its most prominent representatives in the state at an early day and was a warm personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. He still has in his possession a letter which he received from the martyred president, and has many pleasant recollections of him.

For some years the Judge acted independently in politics, but for the last few years he has voted the Prohibition ticket.

Judge Cunningham was a member of the first board of trustee of the University, of Illinois then called the industrial University and was present at its first meeting held in the senate chamber in the state house at Springfield. He was first appointed by Gov. Oglesby and re-appointed by Gov. Palmer, and during all of the six years in which he served he was on the executive committee, which met monthly and which transacted all the business. This was during the erection of the first buildings. By the first board Dr. Gregory was elected the first Regent of the University.

Since his withdrawal from the Republican party, Judge Cunningham has twice been nominated by the united oposition as a candidate for State senator, and in the face of a Republican majority of over two thousand in the district came within six hundred and thirty-six votes of an election on one occasion, and six hundred and thirty-seven votes on the other. He was also nominated for circuit judge in 1897 and received a very flattering vote, carring his own Republican city by a good majority.

Judge Cunningham was present at the first recitation heard in the University by Dr. Gregory, who was so busy, however, that he needed some one for this part of the work. He inquired of the Judge if he did not know of some one he could secure for the work, and was referred to Mr. T. J. Burrell, who had just closed a session of school in Urbana. Sending him over to Dr. Gregory, Mr. Burrell became connected with the intitution and has served it until the present time.

The law library of the Judge is very extensive, but his private library indicates the extent of his reading and information, containing scientific, historical and biographical works as well as the classics of all ages. He has enjoyed triumphs in his professional career and honors in public life, but in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindness and geniality. At this

point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing our subject to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, but there are, as dominating elements in this individuality, a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity, which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained to Judge Cunningham the respect and confidence of men.

WILLIAM BLACK is worthy of special mention in the annals of Champaign county, as he has given about thirty-five years of his life to agricultural pursuits here, and has neglected no opportunity of proving his patriotic interest in the development of the resources of this locality, and the promotion of its prosperity. His record as a business man and neighbor, as the head of a family, and friend to right and justice, is a legacy which will be of more value to his children and descendants than a vast fortune.

A native of Forfordshire, Scotland, born March 18, 1836, Mr. Black possesses the sterling traits of character for which his ancestors were noted, and, in turn, has handed down to his children the tendencies noticeable in the Scottish race. His parents, James and Elizabeth (Fraser) Black, were natives of Forfordshire, where the former pursued his calling as a stationary engineer, being employed in a linen factory. When our subject was eighteen years of age, the family removed to the United States, and, proceeding to Chicago, the father there followed his accustomed work in a threshing machine manufactory. When a year had elapsed, however, he decided to found a home in the country, and in 1855 he bought a farm in Sadorus township, Champaign county. From that time until his death, which event took place in 1891, he dwelt upon his homestead, revered and honored by everyone. His estimable wife was summoned to the better land in 1890, and he had no desire to live longer, feeling that his life work was well rounded and complete. Four of their five children lived to maturity, namely: William; Wallace, whose home is in Sadorus township; Ellen, who has passed to the silent land; and Jane, wife of Charles Brown of Oklahoma territory.

In his youth William Black had very limited educational opportunities, but he was by nature keenly observant, and, in spite of circumstances, managed to acquire sufficient knowledge of business and general information for his needs. He was but fourteen years of age when he commenced an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, and had just finished the four years required of him when the family started for America. In Chicago he was employed by the same company as was his father, and when, with him, he came to this county he with his father and brother purchased a quarter section of land, which they cultivated for about a year. William Black then returned to Chicago, where he worked in the railroad shops of the Illinois Central for several years, and then went to Omaha, when it was merely a hamlet, with Indians abounding in the neighborhood. There he was employed upon the Union Pacific railroad, which was in process of construction. In 1866, the young man returned to Champaign county and purchased one hundred and seventy-one

acres of prairie land in Sadorus township. This he diligently cultivated and improved, adding thereto two hundred and twenty-seven acres within a few years, and investing now and then in more land, until he became one of the large property holders of the county. To-day he owns five hundred and sixty acres in Sadorus township, two hundred and forty acres in Tolono township, and eighty acres in Scott township. All of this is excellent land, well cultivated and productive, and this state of affairs has been brought about by years of arduous toil and good management on the part of the owner. Formerly, he was extensively engaged in the buying and selling of live stock, in this manner materially increasing his income. In all of his transactions he was noted for scrupulous integrity and reliability, and it has been no flattery to say of him that his "word is as good as his bond."

In all of his joys and sorrows for more than two-score years, Mr. Black has found a helpmate in the person of his devoted wife, formerly Mary Leslie, to whom he was married, July 3, 1857. Both she and her father, Robert Leslie, were natives of the same shire as our subject, and Mr. Leslie served for many years in the British army. Mrs. Black, who is the only survivor of her family, was one of four children. To the union of our subject and wife eight children have been born, namely: John, who is engaged in farming in Scott township, married Minnie Hartrick and has five children; James, who went to Alaska and was drowned in the Pekin river, on April 1, 1898; Oliver, William, a graduate of the Wesleyan College at Bloomington, and now a prominent member of the Decatur bar; Isabella, wife of Edward Armstrong, of Champaign, and mother of two children; Margaret, wife of D. H. Barracks, of Sadorus, and mother of one child; Laura and Alice, who reside at home and are pursuing a course in the University. The family located in this city in 1895, and have a pleasant home at No. 404 W. Hill street.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Black is an ardent Republican, and fraternally, he is a Mason, being identified with Sadorus Lodge, No. 535, of Champaign. He has not sought nor desired public office, but has faithfully discharged every duty devolving upon him as a citizen.

THOMAS B. KYLE, of Urbana, is a veteran of the Civil war and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union, and in the paths of peace has won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen. During his long residence in this county he has been prominently identified with public affairs, and has served as county surveyor and engineer from 1868 with the exception of one term.

Mr. Kyle was born near Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, January 8, 1824, a son of Samuel and Rachel (Jackson) Kyle. The father was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. At a very early day two Kyle families moved from Germany to Scotland, and later representatives of these settled in the North of Ireland, whence they came to America in colonial days. Our subject's grandfather, Samuel Kyle, was born in this country, and with his six brothers took up arms against the mother country during the Revolutionary war and aided the colonies in achieving their independence. He continued his residence in

Pennsylvania until the father of our subject was seven years old and then removed to Kentucky, locating there soon after the Revolution. The family believed they had chosen the finest location in the world, but when Kentucky became a slave state, they, together with a large colony, went to Ohio, then a territory, and located near Xenia. There our subject's father took up a tract of new land and continued to make his home until his death. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and for twenty-one years served as judge of the court of common pleas. He was quite a prominent and influential man in his community. He was a member of the Seceders (or Presbyterian) Church until 1857, when he and his wife united with the Associate Reformed Church, now the United Presbyterian Church. His wife also died near Xenia.

During his boyhood and youth Thomas B. Kyle received a good practical education in the common schools and academy at Xenia, including a course in surveying and civil engineering, to which he has since given his attention almost exclusively. On the 23rd of April, 1851, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. Henderson, a daughter of Adam Henderson, who removed from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Ohio. They began their domestic life upon a farm given him by his father near the old homestead, and there they lived until 1860, while he devoted his time to surveying in Xenia. The following two years he was differently employed.

In the meantime the Civil war broke out, and Mr. Kyle raised a company, of which he was commissioned captain, and which was mustered in at Columbus, Ohio, April 1, 1864, as Company C, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was first ordered to Washington, D. C., and was at once assigned to Burnside's corps, Army of the Potomac. They soon realized all the horrors of war, their first engagement being the terrible battle of the Wilderness, and they were under almost continuous fire day and night from April until the middle of July, 1864, when they entrenched themselves before Richmond and Petersburg. During the following fall and winter they took those strongholds and remained there until the close of the war. They participated in the closing scenes known as the grand review at Washington, D. C., and were mustered out at Columbus.

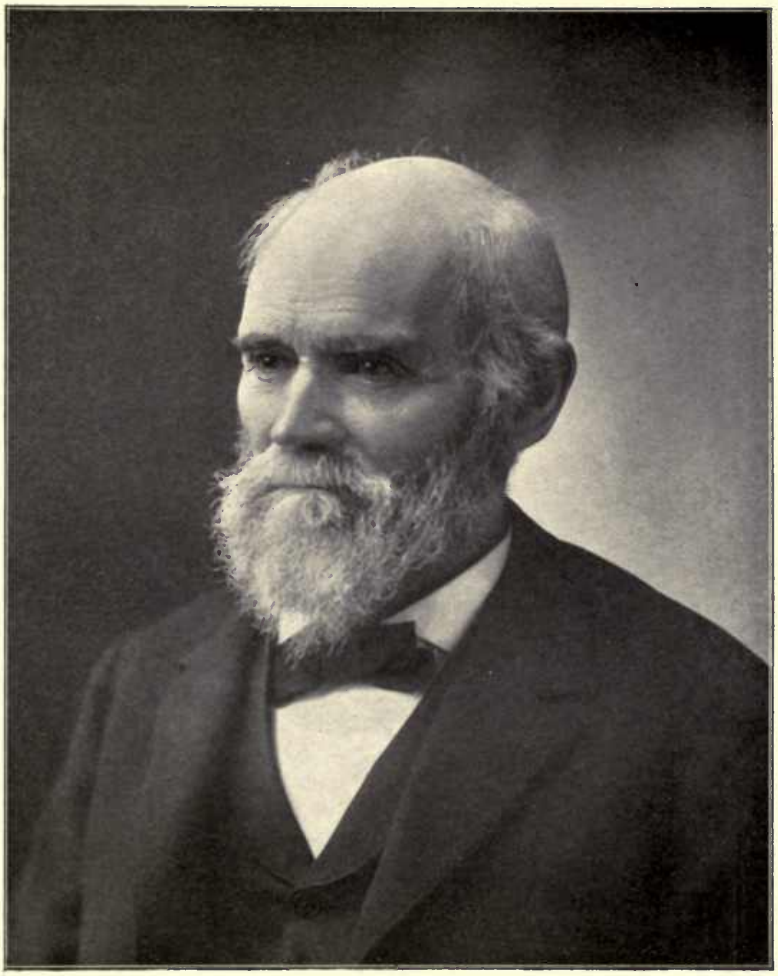
Mr. Kyle returned to Xenia, but in the fall of 1865 moved to Crawford county, Illinois, and in 1866 came to Urbana, Illinois, where he has since lived. He at once turned his attention to surveying, and after serving as deputy county surveyor for two years, he was elected county surveyor, which office he has since filled with the exception of one term, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. He has laid out most of the towns and cemeteries of the county, and has done much surveying for city improvements along engineering lines for the purpose of opening ditches, tile drains and the sewerage water works. He is now the oldest in point of service of any county surveyor known in the state, and nearly the oldest in years. He has not only witnessed the wonderful changes that have taken place here in the last third of a century, but has taken an active part in its development. On his arrival in the county, he believed it would take at least one hundred years to convert the wet prairie, covered with sloughs and ponds, into desirable farms and homes, but this

has already been accomplished, and Champaign county now ranks among the best in this great commonwealth.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kyle were born six children, namely: Samuel R., now connected with the National library at Washington, D. C.; James H., who as a Presbyterian missionary went to Dakota, and is now serving as United States senator from South Dakota, his home being in Aberdeen, and is one of the most promint and influential citizens of the state; Joseph, who died at the age of fourteen years; Fannie E., who graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign, then read medicine at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and later successfully engaged in practice at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for four years, but died in Chicago from an operation perfomed to remove a tumor; Martha J., who was also educated at the University of Illinois, and is now a teacher in that institution; and Minnie A., wife of Edward Huntington, Rantoul. The wife and mother died in June, 1897. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, to which Mr. Kyle also belongs. For twenty-five years he has now made his home at No. 502 Goodwin avenue. He is six feet, six inches in height, and had two brothers of the same height, while his ancestors on both sides were all tall and large. He is widely and favorably known, and justly merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

HARTWELL C. HOWARD, M. D., is a skilled physician and surgeon of Champaign, Illinois, and has longer engaged in active practice at this place than any other, there being but two others in the county who located here earlier and are still living. His knowledge of the science of medicine and surgery is broad and comprehensive, and his ability in applying their principles to the needs of suffering humanity has gained him an enviable prestige in professional circles.

Dr. Howard was born in Gates, Monroe county, New York, now within the city limits of Rochester, July 12, 1829, and is a son of Eleazer and Matilda (Wood) Howard, both representatives of old New England families. The Howard family was founded in America by three brothers, one of which located in Massachusetts, another in Maryland and the third in Virginia, and the grandfather of our subject, Ezra Howard, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war from Connecticut. The father was born and reared in Windham county, Connecticut, but after his marriage removed to Monroe county, New York, becoming one of the pioneers of that section. He cut cord wood in what is now the center of Rochester. He first purchased a farm in Henrietta, eight miles south of the city, and from there moved to Gates, where he owned three of the four corners in the center of the town, and conducted a hotel for many years in connection with the operation of his farm. As one of the prominent and influential citizens of the place, he was called upon to serve as justice of the peace, supervisor and in other local offices. When our subject was fourteen the family removed to Ohio and located near Columbus, which at that time contained a population of only thirty-five hundred. There the father purchased a farm and mills which he carried on for a number of years, and then, in 1850, came to McLean county, Illinois, locating near Le Roy, where he was extensively engaged in



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farming and stock raising until his death. He died in March, 1872, at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife, who was a native of Ashford, Connecticut, died in March, 1878, at the age of eighty-six.

Dr. Howard obtained his literary education in the schools of Gates, New York, and Columbus, Ohio, and in early life assisted his father on the farm and in the mill. He commenced reading medicine with Prof. John W. Hamilton; later attended three courses of lectures at the Medical College in Columbus; next pursued his studies under the direction of Prof. John W. Butterfield for one year; and spent the following two years and a half in New York City, being one of the twelve house physicians in the Emigrant hospital, connected with the fever department then in charge of the famous Dr. Thomas Addis Emmett, and had charge of three hundred beds. He lost two assistants and himself had ship fever twice. Here he had ample opportunity to make a thorough study of typhus and other fevers, and he also attended lectures, graduating from Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, in 1850.

In 1854 Dr. Howard first came to this state, being on his way to California. He stopped to visit his father and mother, and finding them ill, remained to care for them until the company with whom he was traveling had proceeded so far that it was impossible for him to overtake them. He had already become disgusted with practice which he had carried on in Astoria and Harlem, New York, where it was then the custom to give the physician something to drink at every house he entered, and he, believing that this would eventually prove his ruin, as it had so many prominent New York doctors, he left his practice and started for California.

On the recovery of his parents, Dr. Howard came to Champaign and erected the first flouring mill at this place, intending to follow a business career. The first Board of Trade of the town was established at that time and he became its first president. After conducting his mill for a few months, he found that the wheat then grown on the prairie did not make good flour and he sold out. In the meantime, while stopping with a crowd gathered around a man whose leg had been broken by the cars, a man stepped up to him and said, "Here, Doctor, my friend has a broken leg and you must take care of him." Our subject protested that he was only a citizen, but the man replied, "Yes, Doctor, I know you. You took care of men in the ward on the island." This occurred in 1855 and from that time on he has engaged in practice. It was not long before his professional duties kept him very busy, his practice extending over a radius of twenty miles in every direction. For many years he did most of the surgical work in the county and he still has much of it. He is a charter member of the County Medical Society, of which he has served as president, and is also a prominent member of the State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; the Mississippi Valley Medical Association and the Tuberculosis Society of Illinois. In the last named organization he has done some very effective and original work. His specialty has been tuberculosis and he has cured over one hundred patients who were suffering from that disease. He recently read a paper on that subject, before the Wabash Medical Society at St. Louis and reported twenty-eight cases where the patient was still alive and well. The Doctor owns a beautiful office building at No. 111 West Church street, which grounds he has

now occupied for thirty-eight years. At one time he was president of the Champaign Twine & Bagging Company, which, owing to poor management, was not very successful.

In 1856, Doctor Howard married Miss Miranda E. Monroe, a native of Rochester, N. Y., who died in August, 1897, leaving four children who are still living, namely: Edwin, a resident of Florida; Mary; Charles P., a dentist of Champaign; and Hartwell C., who is attending the medical department of the Harvard University.

The Doctor cast his first presidential vote for General Scott, and since voting for Fremont in 1856, has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party. For two terms he was member of the common council of Champaign from the third ward, and while a member of that body, did much to promote the brick paving and first water ordinances. He refused longer to accept that office. He was twice the candidate of his party for mayor of the city but was not elected. He was a member of the second board of township school trustees when there was but one school in the township, but while holding that office, the board, after a big fight, decided to establish three other schools. They added to the school fund and laid the foundation for the large amount which they now have. Dr. Howard was the first Mason initiated in Champaign, and is now a member of the chapter, council and commandery, and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In manner he is pleasant and cordial, which, combined with his sterling worth makes him popular in social as well as professional circles. Wherever known, he is held in high regard, and as an honored pioneer and highly respected citizen he is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

E H. RENNER & BROTHER, proprietors of a large and flourishing livery and sale stable at No. 206 East Main street, Urbana, and numbered among the most enterprising young business men of Champaign county, are worthy representatives of a pioneer family of this locality, and their numerous acquaintances and friends throughout this section of the state will be interested in an outline of their history.

Many generations of the Renners have lived and died in this country, and, until quite recently, those bearing the name were zealous Lutherans in religious belief, and one of the ancestors of our subjects was a Hetzel, of the sturdy old Huguenot stock. Their great-grandfather, Isaac Renner, was born and passed his entire life in Frederick county, Virginia, and his father and ancestors resided in Pennsylvania from the early days of its settlement. Next in the line of descent from Isaac was Henry Renner, born in Frederick county, in 1796. He married Mary M. Willey, April 18, 1826. She was a daughter of a minister of the German Reformed church, and was born June 29, 1800. Rev. Mr. Willey was a native of Switzerland, and came to America in the capacity of a missionary, and was greatly aided in his noble work by his wife, who was of Huguenot ancestry. Henry Renner and wife located in Ohio in 1852, and in 1868 came to Rantoul, Illinois, where she died in 1870, and he in 1882. The absolute integrity and sincerity of Henry Renner gave rise to the local saying "As honest as Father Renner" and everyone who knew him admired and respected him. Reared in the strict tenets of the Lutheran church, his mind gradually became liberalized by experience and reading, and, after being connected with the Presbyterian church for sev-

eral years he united with the Congregational denomination upon his removal to Rantoul. To himself and estimable wife four children were born in Virginia. Anna C. is the widow of William Winslow, and lives in Milan, Ohio. Mary J. and Mrs. Winslow both were successful teachers in the Buckeye state for many years. Mary J. never married, and was connected with the excellent schools of Columbus, Ohio, and other towns until her health became impaired, and a few years later she passed to the silent land. Rebecca Frances is the wife of Isaiah Hardy, of Urbana.

Henry W., the only son of Henry and Mary M. (Willey) Renner, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, March 5, 1830, and his education was chiefly obtained in Woodstock, Virginia, and Ohio, whither his parents removed when he was a youth. His father owned a blacksmith shop and the lad learned the business, which he followed to some extent for a number of years, while in the winters he taught school. The cares of life fell upon him too soon, for his father, having become crippled by an accident, the only son pledged himself to stand by his parents until they had paid for a comfortable homestead, and this task was nobly fulfilled. When free to give his attention to his own fortunes, he married Phœbe A., daughter of Hon. E. O. and Lucinda (Whitehead) Williams, at their home in Licking county, Ohio, the ceremony being performed April 2, 1857. The young couple soon started in a wagon across country to found a home in Illinois, arriving at their destination on the 25th of May. For eight years they dwelt upon a farm of eighty acres, situated on section 4, Condit township, and, in the meantime, added forty acres to the original tract. At the close of the Civil war, Mr. Renner bought a quarter section of land on section 4, Rantoul township, and there made his home until February, 1894, when he removed to Urbana. At one time he owned two good farms in Rantoul township, but has since sold them, and bought two hundred and forty acres in Vermilion county, which he has since disposed of and has purchased 400 acres in Jackson county, Illinois. For years he was successfully engaged in raising draught horses, and owned a number of imported high-bred Percherons.

Few men in his section of the country were more active in all lines of progress than was Henry W. Renner during his prime. In the winter season he taught school, and he always manifested deep interest in educational matters, serving as a trustee of the district schools for some time. In all of the public affairs of his community he had a patriotic concern, and few, indeed, were the local offices which he did not fill—and that with diligence and efficiency. He was township assessor, collector, supervisor, magistrate or justice of the peace, commissioner of highways, and, as previously stated, a school trustee. When the Rantoul Cheese Factory was started, he was foremost in the enterprise, serving as a director for a period. Until 1873, he was identified with the Democratic party, then united with the farmers' and greenback movement, and, of late years, has given his allegiance to the Prohibition party. Religiously, he has had the benefit of the training and bias of several denominations, and thus is not narrow in his views, heartily loving all of the great bodies of Christ who adhere to the essential elements of the gospel. Naturally, he became connected with the Presbyterian church, to which his parents

belonged, in Woodstock, Virginia, and was not half way through his 'teens when he commenced teaching in the Sunday-school—a work he has kept up ever since, being deemed one of the most valuable laborers in this great department of the church's usefulness. Before he was eighteen he assisted in the organization of Sunday-schools in isolated districts, and later did invaluable work along the same line in the township and county Sunday-school association of Champaign county. He was one of the original members of the Jersey Presbyterian church in Condit township, and held the offices of trustee, secretary and ruling elder there. Subsequently, he officiated as a trustee, secretary and deacon in the First Congregational church at Rantoul. Since 1882, he has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been a class-leader and steward in the Urbana congregation. The Champaign Sunday-school Association was organized July 24-25, 1866, and Mr. Renner was present at the convention held the ensuing September. On July 4, 1867, he was honored by being made president of the Rantoul branch association, and five years later was elected president of the county organization. He occupied the office of vice-president of the body for twenty-six years, and since 1872 has served as a member of the executive committee. No commentary beyond the simple statements given above is necessary, as the fact that he has so often been called to fill extremely responsible positions is in itself abundant evidence of his ability and zeal.

Faithfully did the young wife of Henry W. Renner peform the arduous duties which fell to her share in their pioneer home on the prairies of Illinois. She had lost her mother when she was less than fourteen years old, and thus early the cares of life came to her, as she nobly strove to fill that mother's place in the home. She was a great worker in the Presbyterian church and a singer in the choir until her marriage and removal to the west, and until the close of her days she led a consistent, beautiful Christian life. She was summoned to her reward, November 26, 1873, and left five children to mourn her loss, namely: Enos H.; Anna L., wife of William A. Rush; Sylvester W.; and Mary C. and Libbie S., twins. On the 28th of September, 1876, Mr. Renner married Julia, daughter of James D. and Emeline Smith, formerly of Pennsylvania. They became the parents of one son, Charles A., who died in infancy. Mrs. Renner received exceptional educational advantages and, after her graduation in the Western Female Seminary, at Oxford, Ohio, she devoted herself to teaching, in which she was very successful. Like her husband, she is greatly interested in religious and benevolent work and in all movements calculated to elevate the race and increase the happiness of humanity.

Enos H. Renner, the eldest son of Henry W. Renner, was born on the pioneer farm in Condit township, Champaign county, January 16, 1858. He passed his boyhood there and engaged in agricultural pursuits until he had attained maturity. From his father, doubtless, he inherited his love of books and keenness in the acquisition of knowledge, and, after completing the district school course he attended the Rantoul high school, and finished his literary and scientific education in the University of Illinois. When about nineteen years old, he commenced teaching, and for the following six years was occupied in this line of work, chiefly within the county boundaries. In

1885 he located in Champaign, and for a year conducted a coal business alone, at the end of which time his brother, S. W., joined him, the firm name becoming E. H. Renner & Brother. They increased their business by laying in a stock of farm machinery and gradually became interested in teaming and transferring merchandise. During the winter of 1891–2, they carried on a livery and sale stable at Urbana and at Champaign, but the first named being the more flourishing of the two, they later gave up the Champaign branch. They make a specialty of doing heavy hauling and particular teaming, and, by keeping strictly temperate and reliable men in their employ, and by a commendable system of transacting business, they have won the approval and patronage of the public. In their well-equipped livery may be found a fine line of carriages, coaches, landaus and hansoms, and they make a special point of furnishing carriages for social events and funerals. From twenty to thirty good horses are kept, and from the number any style of roadster or saddle animal may be selected. Both of the young men who stand at the head of this business are straightforward and honorable in all their dealings, and well worthy of the enviable place which they hold in the judgment of their acquaintances. E. H. Renner is associated with S. C. Fox in the undertaking business, and is thoroughly qualified as an embalmer and director of funerals, holding a license from the state board of health to that effect.

Fraternally, E. H. Renner is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Triumph Lodge, No. 73, of Urbana. He also is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor. For the past decade he has been an officer and active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Urbana, and, having strong views on the subject of the liquor traffic, he uses his ballot in favor of the nominees of the Prohibition party.

The marriage of E. H. Renner and Luella Phillips, youngest child of Thomas and Elizabeth (Young) Phillips, was solemnized in Urbana, November 9, 1886. Mrs. Renner was born February 23, 1868, and was reared in the house which she and her family now occupy. Her elder brother, John, resides in this town, and Edward is a resident of Philo, Illinois. Mary, the only sister, is the widow of Richard Joe, of Nebraska. Six children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Renner, namely: Wendell P., Mary F., Sylvia P., Julia E., Enos H., Jr., and Sylvester G.

The junior member of the firm of E. H. Renner & Brother is Sylvester W. Renner, who was born on his parents' farm in this county, April 9, 1863, and received his elementary education in the schools of the neighborhood. Desiring to fully equip himself for a successful business career, he completed his preparation for the active duties of life by a course in the Champaign Commercial College. In 1886, as stated in the sketch of his brother, he became associated with him and from that time until the present their financial interests have been closely connected. Their relations are extremely harmonious, and each performs the special duties agreed upon between them, without friction or discontent. Sylvester W. has charge of the buying and selling and training of the horses, for he is a competent judge of their merits. He has the same energy and foresight in business affairs as has his elder brother and honored father, and is rapidly forging to the front.

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On the 18th of October, 1887, Sylvester W. Renner and Maggie C. Yates were united in marriage. She is a daughter of John and Mary Yates, who are of English birth, while her own nativity occurred in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Renner have three living children, namely: Roma E., Willey E., and Ruth, and their third child, Hellen, died in infancy.

Politically, S. W. Renner is a Democrat, and socially, he is a member of the Court of Honor and the Tribe of Ben Hur. Both himself and wife are members of the Parks Chapel Methodist Epicopal church. For the past six years he has been actively interested in the work of this church, serving as one of the building committee under whose auspices the present chapel was constructed, after the destruction by fire of the former house of worship, of which he also acted as one of the building committee. He is a trustee and chorister of the chapel, and aids in every department of church enterprise.

BAXTER D. HARBISON, one of the honored citizens of Champaign, has now reached the eveningtime of life, yet enjoys good health for one of his advanced years, and is exceedingly well preserved in mind and body. An interesting conversationalist, as he possesses much general information and is liberal in his views upon all questions of the day, it is a pleasure to pass an evening in his company, listening to the story of his busy and eventful life—a life filled with good deeds.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was David Harbison, a native of Ireland, who, upon coming to the United States, settled first in Pennsylvania, and later located in Virginia, finally becoming a resident of Shelby county, Kentucky. David Harbison, Jr., father of Baxter D., was born in the Old Dominion, or Pennsylvania, and died upon his farm in Shelby county, Kentucky, about 1820, leaving a widow and six children. She bore the maiden name of Martha D. Venable and was born in Virginia. Their children were named as follows: James V., George L., Clement S., Davis, Paulena C. and Baxter D. Davis, now in his eighty-seventh year, resides in Shelby county, Kentucky.

Baxter D. Harbison was born in the county just mentioned, April 5, 1818, and, as may be imagined, he had scant opportunity to acquire an education. He had been bereft of his father at the age of two years, and as soon as possible he began earning his own livelihood. He felt quite rich when, at last, he received twelve dollars and a half a month, besides his board, for his services on farms, and for two years he and his brother Davis engaged in the management of a farm. Afterwards, our subject worked with his stepfather for a period, but in 1840 he determined to go to the west. Buying some four hundred acres of land in Saline county, Missouri, about sixty acres only of the place having been brought under cultivation, he proceeded to improve the property during the ensuing decade. He then disposed of the land and bought four hundred acres in Lafayette county, same state, near which the present town of Higginsville is located. After judiciously expending a certain amount of money in improvements, and reducing the homestead to fine order, he sold out at nearly double the price he had paid for it, seven years before, and returned to his native county.

Living there, from the spring of 1857 to 1860, without buying a farm, he then invested in a place of one hundred and twenty acres, later increasing the farm to two hundred and forty acres, but three years of labors there, during the unsettled state of affairs at that period, were sufficient, and in 1863 he located in Champaign county, where he had five years previously made substantial investments in land, and this locality he has since looked upon as his home. At one time he owned sixteen hundred acres in Sadorus, Colfax and Scott townships, Champaign county, and in Piatt county, and from time to time he has sold tracts of this land, and has closed out all his land. He owns a number of valuable city lots in Champaign and Urbana.

In 1839, Mr. Harbison married Lucy J. Venable, a second cousin, who proved a devoted wife, sharing his early hardships with fortitude, and cheering and aiding him in his struggles for a livelihood. After a happy life together of more than thirty-six years, the shadow of death settled down upon their cosy home, and in August, 1875, the wife was called to the better land. Mr. Harbison's home is cared for by his niece, Mary Harbison, who is kind and attentive as a daughter, and whom he loves as such.

In his younger days, Mr. Harbison was affiiliated with the Odd Fellows' order, joining them in 1846. For twenty years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian church, and is a generous contributor to its support. He uses his franchise in favor of the Prohibition party, save in local affairs, when he is perfectly independent. During his residence in Saline county, Missouri, he served in the militia for some four years, and for two years he acted efficiently as city alderman of Champaign, being chairman of the committee on streets and alleys, and rendering valuable aid in numerous ways to local progress. He enjoys helping the suffering and unfortunate, and his friends are legion.

S N. NEBLOCK, deceased, was for many years a leading blacksmith of Urbana, and was also one of the brave and loyal defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. A native of Ohio, he was born in Guernsey county, August 8, 1834, and was a son of David Y. and Ann (Mattox) Neblock. He was educated in the schools of his native state, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, which he made his life-work. After his father's death, which occurred in Ohio, he and his mother came to Champaign county, Illinois, when he was nineteen years of age, and located in Homer township, where he at first worked at his trade for others, but later owned and conducted a shop of his own.

In 1852, Mr. Neblock was united in marriage with Miss Edith C. Jett, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, December 12, 1834, a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (Bishop) Jett. She was reared in her native state, where her father died, and a few years later she accompanied her mother and stepfather on their removal to Champaign county, Illinois, locating in Homer township, where her mother died. She had two children by her first marriage, James William, who died at the age of six years; and Edith C., now Mrs. Neblock. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Jett married Daniel Orr. There was a daughter by the second union, Sarah J., deceased wife of Jacob Strayhorn, of Homer, Illinois.

Mrs. Neblock's maternal grandparents

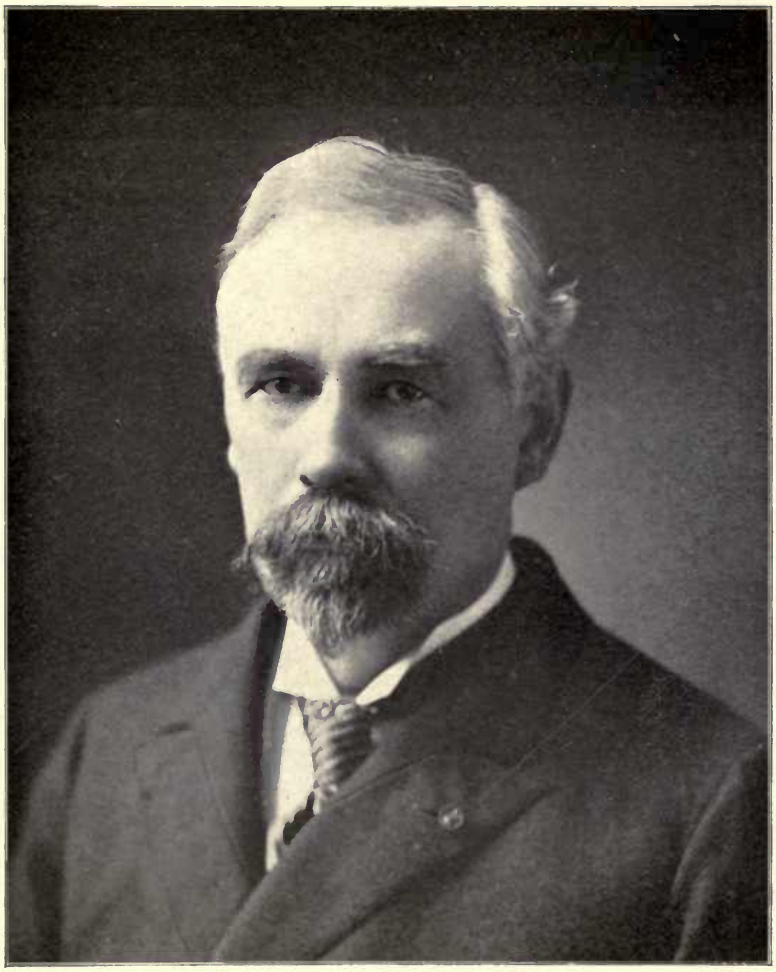
were Amos and Mary Ann Bishop. The grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812, and died in Ohio at an advanced age. The grandmother came to this state with her second husband, Jacob Ridinger, and both died here many years ago.

Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Neblock, three died in infancy. The others were William, who died at the age of six years; Sylvester, who married Lydia Chapman, and is now engaged in farming near Penfield, Illinois; Alice, wife of Jackson Acres, a carpenter of Urbana; Laura, wife of Douglas Anderson, of Homer; John, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-two years; Emma, wife of William Glascock, a teamster of Urbana; Bertie, wife of Burt Bidwell, of Bloomington, Illinois; Neal, who married Frances Earlywine, and lives in Urbana; and Stella Maude, who lives with her mother at No. 804 West University avenue.

Mr. Neblock responded to the first call for troops at the opening of the Rebellion, enlisting in Company C, Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for one year and nine months. On receiving his discharge he returned home, but in 1864 he re-enlisted as second lieutenant of Company H, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Later he joined Company H, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, as orderly sergeant, and remained in the service until the war ended. He took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga and Fort Pillow; was in several engagements in Missouri during Price's raid through that state; was with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea; and participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., at the close of the war. Hostilities having ceased and his services no longer being needed, he was honorably discharged and returned home with an enviable war record.

Soon after the war, Mr. Neblock removed to Danville, Illinois, and later to Ogden, and in 1884 took up his residence in Urbana, where he made his home until called to his final rest March 29, 1893. Before his death he drew a pension of thirty dollars per month. He was a supporter of the Democratic party and its principles and served as constable of Urbana four years, and held the same office while a resident of Homer township, this county. He was a prominent member of Urbana Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., in which he served as noble grand, and he was buried by that order. Religiously he was a member of the Christian church.

FRANCIS M. WRIGHT, LL.B.—Prominent on the list of the eminent jurists of central Illinois appears the name of Judge Francis M. Wright, of Urbana. Occupying the bench of the sixth judicial circuit, and of the appellate court of the third district of Illinois, he has attained marked prestige in connection with the administration of the laws of this great commonwealth, and is recognized as the peer of any of the most able lawyers of the Illinois bar. An enumeration of those men of the present generation who have won honor and public recognition for themselves, and at the same time have honored the state to which they belong, would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent reference to the one whose name initiates the opening paragraph of this review. He not only holds distinctive precedence as an eminent lawyer,



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but is as well a man of high scientific and literary attainments, a valiant and patriotic soldier and a man of affairs who has wielded a wide influence. A strong mentality, an invincible courage, a most determined individuality have so entered into his nature as to make him a natural leader of men and a director of opinion.

Judge Wright was born on Briar Ridge, in Adams county, Ohio, August 5, 1844, his parents being James and Elizabeth (Copple) Wright. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and tradition says that the remote ancestors were Scotch-Irish. Steven Wright, the grandfather, came from the north of Ireland to America and took up his residence in Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Ohio, where his last days were spent. His son James was a small lad at the time of the removal to the Buckeye state. He became a mechanic, and also owned and occupied a farm. A leading and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he served as class leader and as superinendent of the Sunday-school. His wife, who was also born in the Keystone state, and belonged to one of the old Pennsylvania-Dutch families, was a daughter of John Copple, a native of Germany, who removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio at an early day. James Wright died in 1854, at the age of forty-three years, but the mother lived to be seventy-nine years of age. He left a family of six children, all of whom reached years of maturity.

Judge Wright spent his boyhood days upon the farm and in the common schools acquired his preliminary education which was supplemented by study in the Ohio Valley Academy, at Decatur, Brown county, Ohio. The questions of slavery and secession greatly interested him, and when the south made an attempt to overthrow the Union, he determined to strike a blow in behalf of the national goverment. Accordingly he enlisted in June, 1861, before he was eighteen years of age, becoming a member of Company I, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered in at Camp Colrain, Ohio, and sent first to Missouri, under Fremont. He saw active service there, and was afterward with Pope's command at Island No. 10 and New Madrid. He remained with his regiment until mustered out in July, 1865, and at various times was promoted, becoming corporal, sergeant, sergeant major and second lieutenant, holding the last named position at the time of his discharge. He served throughout the Atlanta campaign, went with Sherman on the glorious march to the sea, participated in the battles of Corinth and Iuka, and was probably under fire in forty engagements. On the 22d of July, 1864, at Atlanta, he was slightly wounded, but did not leave the field. He was at the front for more than four years, all of the time engaged in active service, and was mustered out before he had attained his majority. Of such a war record he may well be proud, for although others enlisted at a younger age, no one as young as himself, so far as he knows, saw four years of active service upon the battlefields of the south.

During the war Judge Wright had noticed the fine appearance of many men, and upon inquiry as to their business found that they were lawyers. This led him to determine to enter the legal profession, although his parents had destined him for the medical fraternity. Upon his return to the north he became a student in the law office of Colonel, afterward Judge, D. W. C. Loudon, and was graduated in the Cincin-

nati Law College with the degree of LL. B., in the class of 1867. He was then admitted to the bar and for a short time practiced in Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio (from where Gen. Grant was sent to West Point) but in December, 1868, came to Urbana, and has since been a member of the Illinois bar. He began practice alone, but afterward formed a partnership with Judge W. D. Somers, with whom he was associated for eleven years, the firm occupying a leading position in professional circles and enjoying a very extensive and lucrative clientage, the volume of their business probably exceeding that of any law firm of the county. After the dissolution of the partnership he enjoyed a large general practice until his elevation to the bench, to which he was elected in June, 1891. He was first chosen as judge of the old fourth judicial circuit, comprising the counties of Champaign, Piatt, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, Coles, Edgar, Clark and Vermilion. On entering upon his judicial service he gave up private practice entirely, in order to give his undivided attention to his official duties. In 1897 he was re-elected in the new sixth judicial circuit, comprising the counties of Champaign, Piatt, Dewitt, Macon, Moultrie and Douglas. On his re-election the supreme court appointed him one of the appellate judges of the state, assigning him to the second district, and later changed him to the third district. Many of his cases have been appealed to the higher court, but in the majority of instances his decisions have been sustained. His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. The judge on the bench fails more frequently, perhaps, from a deficiency in that broad-mindedness which not only comprehends the details of a situation quickly and that insures a complete self-control under even the most exasperating conditions than from any other cause; and the judge who makes a success in the discharge of his multitudinous delicate duties is a man of well rounded character, finely-balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments. That Judge Wright is regarded as such a jurist is an uniformly accepted fact.

Judge Wright has not confined his attention entirely to the law, for he has been an active factor in business and political circles. He was one of the original stockholders and directors of the First National Bank, and is the only one now living who remains identified with the institution on its organization. Later he was vice-president, and since the death of Mr. Richards has been president of the bank, which has a capital and surplus of one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. It is regarded as one of the most reliable financial institutions in this part of the state. In politics the Judge has always been a Republican, and has borne his share of the work and burdens of the organization.

On the 15th of July, 1868, Judge Wright was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth West, of Brown county, Ohio, daughter of John West, Jr. Four children have been born to them: Royal, who is now an attorney of Urbana; Marion, who became the wife of Charles M. Lewis, and died in June, 1899; Edith and Lora, at home. They occupy a beautiful residence at No. 407 Green street, and enjoy the hospitality of the best homes of Urbana. Judge Wright has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church from childhood, and still adheres to the church of his ancestors. Socially he is a Mason and has held high office in lodge,

chapter, council and commandery. He has also been a representative to the grand lodge. He maintains pleasant relationship with his comrades of the blue and recalls memories of the tented field through his membership in Black Eagle Post, G. A. R., and with the Chicago Commandery of the Loyal Legion. Such in brief is the history of one who by his own unaided efforts has attained to a position of eminence in professional, political and social life, and who has ever received the respect which is accorded sterling worth.

DR. J. D. SPORE, a successful veterinary surgeon of Urbana, is of sterling Highland-Scotch ancestry, and possesses many of the notable characteristics of that strong-minded, fearless people. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Spore, emigrated from Scotland to America at an early day, and located in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he passed the rest of his days. He chose for a wife, Hannah Ackerman, who, as the name indicates, was of German extraction.

One of the sons of this worthy couple was William, father of our subject. When he was about sixteen years of age, the spirit of ambition and enterprise which was so marked in him during his more active years, led to his leaving home, and going to the then new settlements in Indiana, where he was employed at various lines of work. At length he became a land-owner and the proprietor of a wood yard, near Rising Sun, Indiana, on the Ohio river, his business being to furnish steamboats with fuel. December 26, 1852, he joined the adventurous throngs wending their way to the gold fields of the Pacific coast, and, in company with his wife's brother, John Birdzell, started on the long overland journey in a wagon drawn by five mules and a misfit pony. They were from May until September in making the hazardous trip, but at length arrived in San Francisco. For the next four years William Spore was actively engaged in teaming and freighting supplies between Sacramento and San Francisco and the various mining camps of that region, but in the meantime he remitted to his wife three hundred dollars, and our subject has in his possession an Adams Express Company certificate of that amount, sent from Coloma, California, by William Spore to his wife, Eunice Spore, December 6, 1852; and also keeps as a relic of those days of long ago the old canvas vest in which his father carried the three hundred dollars in gold. In 1856, William Spore returned to Indiana and engaged in lumbering, clearing away the heavy timber with which his one-hundred-and-twenty-six-acre farm was covered. In 1869, the western fever again mastered him, and he went to Virginia City, Nevada, where his nephew, J. W. Bailey, since become wealthy and prominent, was engaged in mining enterprises. There, as formerly, he turned his attention to teaming and was made superintendent of transportation, seeing to the proper handling of the ore from the time it was brought to the surface until it was deposited in the stamp mill. Returning home at the end of about nine months, he commenced farming and raising live-stock. Paying special attention to the breeding of fine coach-horse strains, he soon developed almost a distinct variety, and, to this day, those who knew him are anxious to gain possession of the scions of the stock he raised. In 1876 he located on a quarter-section of land, situated in section 19,

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Staunton township, Champaign county, and it was not until October, 1890, that he left the farm. He died at his Urbana home, February 6, 1892, and is survived by his widow. Politically he supported the Democratic party, while in religion, he was a Methodist and held official positions in the local church. By a life of singular goodness and rectitude, devotion to his home and family, and to his duties as a neighbor and citizen, he won the lasting esteem and admiration of all, and is sincerely mourned by his old associates.

Of his six children, Dr. J. D. Spore, born July 3, 1857, is the fourth. Mary J., the eldest of the family, and widow of James Carson, resides at Thomasboro, this county. George W., who enlisted when only sixteen years of age in the Second Indiana Battery, and served under command of Captain Espy; did valiant service in many of the most important campaigns of the Civil war, and, at the end of three years of active battling for his country, died at Little Rock, Arkansas, from the effects of a wound received during an engagement with the enemy. Ellen F. is the wife of Willis Case, a farmer of Urbana townshp; Minnie H. is the wife of James Elliott, of Urbana, and Alice G. died when about twenty-four years of age.

Dr. J. D. Spore was reared as a farmer's boy, and received only a district school education prior to the time he was eighteen years old. He had inherited his father's great interest in horses, however, and had gained much practical knowledge of the noble steed upon the home farm, and it is not strange that he determined to become a veterinary surgeon. In 1876, he entered the Indianapolis Veterinary College, where he pursued a course of study for one term and then, returning to the home farm, began practicing, while at the same time he continued his theoretical work. After spending another season in work at the Chicago Veterinary College, and after taking a special course at the Charleston Veterinary College, with years of practical exerience interspersed, he established an office at Urbana, in 1890. Not the least valuable of his past labors were conducted under the guidance of Dr. Adam Wolf, a prominent member of the profession, now deceased. As he is the only resident veterinary surgeon in Urbana, he receives a large patronage, and though at present his office is at Renners' livery stables, he expects to become a partner of Dr. F. W. Corkery. until recently a member of the faculty of the Chicago Veterinary College, and to establish in this place a hospital for the treatment of all kinds of equine diseases. Dr. Spore holds a license from the state board, and by long and arduous preparation and earnest work has become thoroughly competent in his particular branch of the healing art. Following in the political footsteps of his father, he votes for Democratic party nominees.

On the 15th of September, 1878, Dr. Spore married Laura J. Thompson, daughter of James and Amanda Thompson, who removed from Washington county, Pennsylvania (her birthplace), to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1866. The four children who bless the union of the Doctor and wife are named, respectively: William G., Vinton, Eddie J. and Edna J., the latter being twins.

THOMAS R. LEAL, a well-known general contractor of Urbana, Illinois, and county superintendent of schools for sixteen

years, was born in Stamford, Delaware county, New York, July 4, 1829, a son of Dr. James and Mary (McClaughry) Leal, the latter an aunt of Major McClaughry, formerly the efficient warden of the state prison at Joliet. The paternal grandfather was born in Scotland and came to this country when a child of twelve years. His wife, a Miss Rose, was born on this side of the Atlantic, but was of Scotch descent. During one of the early Indian wars she and two brothers were taken to Canada as prisoners by the Indians, but finally made their escape and returned to the United States. The father of our subject was born, reared and educated in Kortright, Delaware county, New York, learning his Latin and Greek of an old minister of that place, and getting a liberal education in that way. He was surgeon in a New York Militia regiment and made his home in Stamford, where he died at the early age of twenty-seven years. In his native town he had married Miss Mary McClaughry, daughter of Thomas McClaughry, who was also of Scotch descent. After the death of her husband she returned to her father's home in Kortright where she remained a widow until her three children were grown, and she died in Delaware county. Religiously she was a faithful member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Of the family only our subject is now living. His younger brother, Dr. James H. Leal, died at his home in California, being worn out by his extensive practice. The sister died at the old home in Kortright, New York.

The boyhood of our subject was passed at Kortright, and he received a good practical education at the Hobart and Harpersfield Academies. For a time he successfully engaged in teaching school in his native state, and on coming to Illinois, in 1852, taught in the western part of this state, teaching drawing in Carthage, where in 1897 his daughter taught the same art in the teachers' institute. He continued to follow that profession in Leroy, McLean county, and in Douglas county until coming to Urbana in 1856 to accept a position as teacher in the village schools.

The following year, Mr. Leal was elected county superintendent on the Republican ticket. At that time there were only forty-five schools in the county, most of which were new, and twenty-seven of these were conducted in log buildings, but when he retired from office sixteen years later there were over two hundred substantial school buildings here, either frame or brick, costing from five hundred to seventy-five thousand dollars. As the county became more thickly settled, the attendance at school increased in proportion, and he did effective work in advancing the standard of the schools by securing more efficient teachers. He organized the first institute here, and others in Effingham, Coles, Douglas, Vermilion, Piatt and Iroquois counties. At that time school methods were crude and had to be popular with the public before they were adopted. In holding his institutes, Mr. Leal had to get the recognition of the prominent people of the place, whom he persuaded to attend and enter the class of teachers, and in this way he got all interested and did much to educate the teachers. At his second institute held in the same place, the church was packed to the doors. He often had to use a great deal of tact as there were many who were opposed to progressive methods. He not only helped the teachers to become better instructors, but was also instrumental in advancing their

wages. He was one of the most active and prominent early educators of Eastern Illinois and did much to mold the school interest in this county and also prepared them to vote the large sum of half a million dollars to get the University located here. He held the office of county superintendent until 1872, when he was succeeded by one of his old teachers.

His health demanding outdoor life, Mr. Leal then purchased a farm near the city and engaged in agricultural pursuits until he lost his property by going security for others. At that time he owned considerable real estate on Green street, Urbana, and also had considerable property in Champaign. He now owns a good home on Green street and is engaged in contracting, having done much of the excavating for the large buildings of the University besides laying out the lawns about them. He is now excavating for the main agricultural building and the tunnel, the building being the largest purely agricultural building in the world, as it will be a quarter of a mile around and contain over an acre of floor space. For this a number of thousand yards of excavating has been done and it is the largest contract of the kind ever given in this county. In this work Mr. Leal gave employment to thirteen teams. He has had a number of the largest contracts here, and has done excavating and filling for the city under contract. He has also served as drainage commissioner, having charge of the swamp lands that were condemned and given to the state.

In 1861 Mr. Leal married Miss Emeline Gordon, of Charleston, Illinois, a daughter of John Gordon, who came to this state from Oswego, New York. Of the eight children born to them, four are now deceased, two sons and two daughters, all dying within twenty-one days of diphtheria. Those living are Mary, who was educated at the University, who has charge of the drawing in the city schools, at Leavenworth, Kansas; Rosa Belle, who was also educated at the University and is now a teacher at Homer, Illinois; Sophia, a graduate of the Illinois University, who is now a teacher of languages in the high school of Urbana, having one hundred ten scholars in Latin and about seventy in German, where her father once had only six or seven in Latin; and Grace, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Leal are both active members of the Presbyterian church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them. He was a member of the Union League during the Civil war, and was personally acquainted with President Lincoln. He has always been an active member of the Republican party and while a member of the state convention helped to nominate John A. Logan for Congress. His life has been an honorable and useful one, and he justly merits the high regard in which he is held. For six years he served as a member of the State Board of Education of Illinois.

CURTIS F. COLUMBIA. To no resident of Champaign county is its history more familiar than to Curtis F. Columbia, who through many decades has watched its progress, aiding largely in its material development and substantial improvement as the years have gone by. Wonderful has been its transformation from a district of wild prairie and uncut forests to this section of beautiful homes, rich farms and thriving towns and cities. The pioneers

laid the foundation for its present prosperity and to them is certainly due great credit for the work they accomplished. From the earliest epoch in its development down to the present time Mr. Columbia has been identified with the upbuilding and advancement of the community, and no history would be complete without the record of his life.

A native of Madison county, Kentucky, his father, George Columbia, was a farmer of that locality, but died during the early boyhood of our subject. Having removed to Hendricks county, Indiana, the latter secured his education in the schools there and then started out in life for himself. He determined to seek a home in Champaign county, Illinois, and to this end traded a piece of land in Indiana for one hundred and twenty acres of land in what is now Condit township. Little of the land in this vicinity had been broken, the nearest improved property being at Urbana, which was a little hamlet of log cabins containing a population of about three hundred. Where the enterprising city of Champaign is now located was a tract of wild prairie, which had not even been reclaimed for farming purposes. The land for which Mr. Columbia traded was also unbroken. In order to provide a livelihood he worked as a farm hand for about one year in the employ of John Brier, who resided on the Sangamon.

On the 28th of August, 1844, Mr. Columbia was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Cox, a native of North Carolina. Her father was one of the first settlers of this county, and was a very prominent and influential man in his day. He served as sheriff of the county for eight years, also represented his district in the State Legislature, and subsequently removed to La Salle county, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring many years ago.

In the meantime Mr. Columbia had purchased three hundred and twenty acres of prairie land, on which he built a log cabin of one room, sixteen by eighteen feet. This little home was erected by him and his neighbors in a single day. It had one window and was considered the best house in the neighborhood at the time. Mr. Columbia hewed the logs and shaved the shingles used in its construction, and from Urbana he hauled the brick from which the chimney was built. That pioneer home is still standing, one of the few landmarks that yet remain to indicate the rapid development of the county. Gradually Mr. Columbia cleared and improved his place, making it a valuable tract. However, in 1853, he sold that property and purchased eighty acres of prairie land elsewhere. When the railroad was built he platted his land and thus laid the foundation for Champaign. He had forty acres of corn where the most thickly populated section of the city is now found. He first platted about twenty acres and since that time has laid off eight additions, known as the Columbia additions. The city now largely stands as a monument to his thrift, enterprise and wonderful foresight. He had the sagacity to foretell the growth of this fertile section of the state, and with a firm belief in its future he made judicious investments in land, which have resulted in bringing to him a handsome fortune. For a few years he carried on agricultural pursuits, and in 1860 he established a general mercantile store, which he conducted for five years, but since that time he has given his attention chiefly to the management of his property interests. He erected a number of buildings, including a

portion of the Union block and six dwelling houses, and in many other ways has contributed to the welfare and growth of the city.

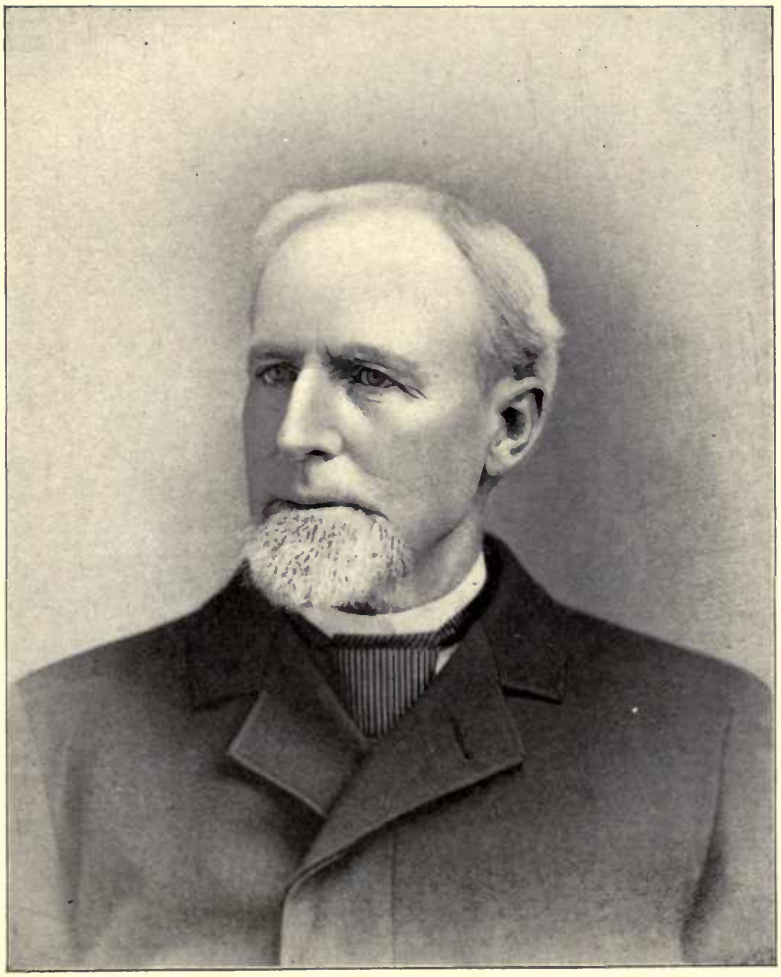
To Mr. and Mrs. Columbia were born eight children: Martha died at the age of three years; Ellen and David have also passed away; Thomas, a graduate of the Physicians & Surgeons College of New York City, is a successful practicing physician there, and has a wife and three children; Mary F. is the widow of Dr. Pearman, of Champaign, and has one child, Arthur C.; Emma is the wife of J. R. Mann, congressman of Chicago, and they have one child, William C.; John died in infancy; and Hattie G. is at home.

For fifty-six years Mr. and Mrs. Columbia have traveled life's journey together, and for nearly fifty years have resided in the city of Champaign. Their home is a pleasant one and the abode of hospitality. Their children have grown to mature years, and while some have gone out from the old home, each have for it a strong attachment, and great love for the parents that gave them birth.

In his political views Mr. Columbia is a Democrat, and in 1861 was chosen assessor. He filled the offices of collector and assessor for twelve or fourteen years, and was school trustee or director for many years, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. He attends the Baptist church, and socially is connected with Western Star Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M.; and was 3rd grand master of the lodge and Champaign Chapter, R. A. M. It is difficult to realize that one who has been and is such an active factor in public affairs as Mr. Columbia lived in the county at a time when wild game roamed over an unbroken prairie, yet he has here seen thirty or forty head of deer at one time. Gradually yet swiftly the changes have come as the result of the untiring efforts and perseverance of such men as our subject, men who can look beyond the exigencies of the present and labor for the future. Throughout an active business career he has always commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow men and to-day in Champaign county no citizen is more honored or more thoroughly deserves the esteem of his fellow men than Curtis F. Columbia.

JOHN G. CLARK. Deeds are thoughts crystalized and according to their results do we judge the worth of a man to the country that has produced him, and in his works we expect to find the true index to his character. The study of the life of the representative American never fails to offer much of pleasing interest and valuable instruction, developing a mastering of expedients which have brought about most wonderful results. The subject of this review is a worthy representative of that type of American character and of that progressive spirit which promote public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests. He is now extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in this department of business as in every other with which he has been connected, he is meeting with creditable and gratifying success. At the same time he finds opportunity to aid in the promotion of various movements which contribute to the public good and is regarded as one of the leading residents of Champaign county.

Mr. Clark was born in Freeport, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1828, his parents being John and Katherine (Best) Clark. The father was a native of



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the same county and there spent his entire life, following the occupation of farming. His wife was born and reared in the Keystone state and was a daughter of Nicholas Best, a well-to-do farmer of German parentage. After his marriage Mr. Clark inherited a farm from his father, and to its cultivation and improvement devoted his energies throughout his entire life, but both he and his wife died when their children were small.

Our subject found a home with a Mr. Shields, and Mr. Reddick, a Presbyterian minister, with whom he remained for three years. He was given the opportunity of attending school for about six months a year and thus pursued his education until sixteen years of age, when he began teaching, having charge of a school for four months and receiving twenty-five dollars per month for his services. He boarded round among the scholars, after the manner of the times, and again the next winter he engaged in teaching. The following spring he became a student in Duff's Mercantile College, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and after leaving that institution he entered the office of Peter Graff & Company, iron founders, who owned and operated the Buffalo furnaces. For ten or eleven years Mr. Clark remained with them in clerical positions, and subsequntly became interested with Mr. Graff in the ownership of a small store in Worthington, near the furnaces. This was his first independent business venture. He continued in charge of the store until 1856, when he determined to seek a home in the west, and removed to Galesburg, Illinois. There he took a contract to supply car timber, wood and ties to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and also formed a similar contract with the Illinois Central, at the same time furnishing the wood and ties which it used in the various sections of the lines. In this enterprise Mr. Clark was associated with J. B. Porterfield. They did a very extensive business, furnishing as many as four hundred thousand ties in a single year in addition to all the wood used as fuel. Mr. Clark frequently had as many as three hundred men in his employ.

On the 1st of March, 1858, he removed to Champaign, then a small town, but continued his connection with the railroad for ten years thereafter. Since then he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising. He purchased his first farm in 1858, and in 1864 erected thereon a beautiful residence, which is now in the city, the street car passing by his door. This plainly indicates the growth of the city. With the growth of Champaign his land naturally rose in value and he disposed of much of it at a handsome profit. He platted sixty acres of the beautiful new residence section of the city, which is now building up so rapidly and is destined to become the leading portion of Champaign. He has owned different farms in the county, and now has a very valuable tract of three hundred and sixty acres, adjoining the city, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He gives to his farm his personal supervision, and it is a most highly improved property. For twenty years he has been extensively engaged in the raising of fine stock, making a specialty of registered short horn cattle. He has done much to improve the grade of stock raised in this section of the state, and has thus advanced the farming interests.

In December, 1851, while in Worthington, Pennsylvania, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Y. Blaine, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wingins) Blaine, and they now have two children: Arthur N.,

a resident of Champaign; and Leslie B., of Chicago. In his political views Mr. Clark has been a stanch Republican since casting his ballot for Fremont. He well remembers the time when Abraham Lincoln visited the county and his enthusiasm added to the cheers which greeted the nomination of Lincoln for the presidency in 1860, for he was in attendance at the convention, although not a delegate. For many years he took a very active part in promoting the welfare of his party and is still deeply interested in its success, although he is not at present a worker in the ranks. His wife is a member of the Congregational church, and is one of its liberal supporters. He withholds his aid from no movement or measure which he believes will prove of benefit to the community, and is a very public-spirited and progressive citizen. With a capacity and experience which would enable him to fulfill any trust to which he might be chosen, he has never sought to advance himself in office, but has been content to do his duty where he could and leave the self-seeking to others. Viewed in a personal light he is a strong man, of excellent judgment, fair in his views, but strong in advancing ideas which he believes to be right. He is full of sympathy with all the great movements about him and watches the progress of events with the keenest interest. In business circles he bears an unassailable reputation, and his splendid prosperity is the merited reward of well directed and consecutive endeavor.

RUDOLPH ZERSE GILL, a leading architect and prominent business man of Urbana, was born in that city, May 17, 1866, a son of Zachariah E. and Hannah C. (Wolfe) Gill. The father was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, May 1, 1829, and was a son of one of the pioneers of that state from Virginia, the family dating its residence in the Old Dominion from early colonial days. The father was reared on a farm in his native state and in early life learned the carpenter's trade. In 1853 he came to Urbana, Illinois, which at that time was a small village, and here engaged in contracting, erecting the first Big Four shops and the majority of the older brick buildings of the city, for he was the leading contractor of his day. He furnished employment to many men and did a large and successful business until 1880, when he retired from active labor. He was a prominent Knight Templar Mason, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He died August 10, 1884, leaving two children: Nellie, now the wife of James O. Hogge, of Kansas City; and Rudolph E., our subject. The mother is still living. Both held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Joseph Wolfe, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was one of the old circuit riders of the Methodist Episcopal church who forced their religion into the western wilds. He traveled throughout Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, establishing many missions and churches, and finally settled in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. While a zealous worker for the church, he was a shrewd business man and made considerable money by his judicious investments. At different times he owned the land which now forms the site of several important Ohio cities. He was widely known and highly respected. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet Doane, traced her ancestry back to the Sharpless family, prominent during Revolutionary times and pioneer days in

Pennsylvania. She also belonged to the same family as Bishop Doane, of Albany.

Mr. Gill, whose name introduces this sketch, attended the public and high schools of Urbana, and completed his education at the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. Here he gave special attention to architecture and engineering and after completing the course went to Chicago, where he entered the office of Holabird & Roche, who are among the best architects of that city. From there he went to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he engaged in business for himself until 1893. While there he was architect for the American Association of London, England, which built the towns of Middleboro, Cumberland Gap, Dillon Springs and Harrogate, and also developed the iron and coal interests throughout Kentucky, Southern Tennessee and Virginia. In their interest Mr. Gill did a large business and gave employment to many men. Later he was with the East Tennessee Land Company, which founded Harriman, the temperance town in which Clinton B. Fiske was famous. Mr. Gill was next with the Lenoir City Land Company, which developed Lenoir City and surrounding country. All this time he made his headquarters at Knoxville. He was also connected with the boom at that place, and did a good deal of work at Asheville and Raleigh, North Carolina. He erected many of the finest buildings in Knoxville, and did the largest business of any architect in the city. Returning to Urbana, in October, 1893, he has since made plans for the Urbana high school, the city hall at Monticello, the city hall at Danville, the asylum for the poor at Paxton, Hotel Douglas at Tuscola, and many of the finest residences and store buildings in Urbana. He also served as city engineer and city treasurer in 1896, 1897 and 1898, during which time considerable grading and paving was done, and many improvements made. For the past year he has been alone in business both as a contractor and architect, and has also made a specialty of building and selling houses on his own account, in this way furnishing employment to a large force during the busy season.

On the 10th of October, 1889, Mr. Gill married Miss Nellie M. Maxwell, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and to them have been born two children: Rudolph Zerse and Maxwell. They have a pleasant home at No. 501 South Busey avenue, erected by our subject. Religiously they are members of the Episcopal Church, and socially he also holds membership with the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

EDWIN A. KRATZ, M. D., who for over thirty years has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Champaign, Illinois, was born in Plumsteadville, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1844, a son of Henry and Anne (Stover) Kratz. He is of the sixth generation of the family living in Montgomery and Bucks counties, the first to come to the new world being John V. Kratz, a native of Alsace, Germany, and a farmer by occupation. In 1760 the grandfather, Philip Kratz, purchased the farm on which our subject was born and which is still in possession of the family, being now occupied by a brother of our subject. The grandfather served as election commissioner

for many years, and assessor for several terms, and was always active in politics but never an aspirant for office. Upon his large farm the father grew to manhood and continued to make his home there throughout life. He was one of the prominent and influential men of his community, and was once the Republican candidate for representative to the state Assembly, but as the district was strongly Democratic he was defeated. He was always a delegate to the county conventions of his party, was secretary of a local fire insurance company, and was connected with a bridge building company. He died in 1897, his wife in 1879. She was a native of Bedminister township, Bucks county, and a daughter of Henry Stover, also of German descent. The Doctor's early ancestors were Menonites, but his parents held membership in the Presbyterian Church. They left a family of seven children, of whom our subject is the oldest son.

Dr. Kratz acquired his early education in the public schools of his native land, and later attended a normal school equal in rank to the high schools of the present day. Both he and his brother Alonzo P. entered the Union army during the Civil war, the latter enlisting in 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for nine months, and in January, 1864, re-enlisting in Company D, Second Pennsylvania Provisional Regiment. He was in a pit at Petersburg, and was captured after the explosion. He died in prison at Danville, Virginia, and was buried in the National cemetery there. The Doctor enlisted in 1864, in Company A, One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and during the campaign of 1864-5 was a part of the Fifth Corps under General Warren and was stationed on the left flank, below Petersburg. At Lewis farm, near Dinwiddie Court House, Virginia, he was shot through the chest and both arms, March 29, 1865, and was taken to Mt. Pleasant Hospital, Washington, D. C., from which he was discharged on the 13th of the following July. For two months he was confined to his bed, and after his return home was one year recuperating his health.

In February, 1867, Dr. Kratz came to Champaign, Illinois, where he began the study of medicine with Dr. Mills. He attended his first course of lectures at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1867–8, and then entered the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1869, with the degree of M. D. Returning to Champaign, he entered the office with his old preceptor, Dr. Mills, and they have now engaged in practice for over thirty years—a most remarkable record. Not being able to endure the long country rides, Dr. Kratz has confined his attention almost exclusively to office practice, though he does some city work.

In May, 1884, Dr. Kratz married Mrs. Anna Beidler, widow of Lewis H. Beidler, and daughter of Benjamin C. Bradley, one of the pioneers of the county, who came here from Kentucky early in the '50s. By this union has been born three children: Alonzo P., Ethel and Elwin. The family have a pleasant home at No. 315 South State street. The Doctor attends and supports the Baptist church, of which his wife is an earnest member.

In 1899 Dr. Kratz was elected a life member of the County Medical Society, with which he has been connected for many

years. For twenty-one years he was United States examining surgeon for pensions, receiving his appointment under President Grant, in 1871, and serving uninterruptedly until President Cleveland's first administration, when he was out of office for a year. He was then re-instated and served until President Cleveland's second term, when he was retired permanently. He was secretary of the board for many years and did most of its work. He has also served as examining surgeon for a number of old line life insurance companies. The Doctor is a prominent member of Champaign Lodge, No. 333, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs; was deputy for a number of years; and is now chairman of the board of trustees. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the consistory at Peoria; was master of the blue lodge at Champaign for nine years; is the present secretary of both the lodge and chapter; and is dimitted from the commandery. During the winter of 1867, while attending college at Ann Arbor, Michigan, he united with the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a charter member of Colonel Nodine Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of which he has been commander. He is also a member of the Department Encampment; has been on the staff of different department commanders and was a delegate to the National Encampment at Buffalo, New York. The Doctor was one of the first to become interested in the public library, and the private library which he assisted in organizing in 1868, was given to the city in 1876. With the exception of two years he has served as one of its directors since 1870, and has been secretary of the board most of the time, but is now serving as president. He, probably more than any other man, has been prominently identified with its growth and prosperity, and has watched with interest its growth from a small reading room containing only a few magazines and no books, to one of the best libraries of any city of the size in the state. For four years Dr. Kratz served as city clerk, and in 1891 was the Republican candidate for mayor, but was defeated. He was township supervisor for two terms, and in 1894 was elected county treasurer, which office he most creditably and satisfactorily filled for four years, during which time he handled a large amount of money, having as high as one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars in his possession at one time. As a citizen he has always been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as well as when he followed the old flag to victory on southern battle fields.

JAMES M. CARPENTER, a well-known liveryman and representative business man of Urbana, Illinois, doing business at No. 103 West Elm street, was born in Floyd county, Indiana, August 11, 1832, a son of James C. and Rebecca (Riddle) Carpenter, natives of Virginia. His paternal great-grandfather was born in England and at a very early day came to America and settled in the Old Dominion. His maternal great-grandfather was a native of the same country, and as a drummer boy in the British army during the Revolutionary war he came to the new world. At the close of that struggle he decided to remain here. He married and located in Virginia. He lived to the advanced age of one hundred and ten years.

In early life the father of our subject removed with his parents to Kentucky, where his boyhood was passed and where his education was acquired. When the war of 1812 broke out he enlisted in an infantry regiment as a private, and remained in the service until hostilities ceased, taking part in the battle of New Orleans. Returning to his home in Kentucky, he engaged in farming there for several years, and in the meantime married Miss Rebecca Riddle, daughter of James and Jane (Davis) Riddle, also natives of Virginia. They continued their residence in Kentucky until after the birth of three of their children, and then moved to Floyd county, Indiana, where the father engaged in farming for some time, and where nine more children were added to the family. Selling his farm in that state, the father prepared to move to Illinois, but died suddenly in 1854, at about the age of seventy-two years. The following year the mother, in company with our subject and three other sons, came to Urbana, Champaign county, Illinois. She died in February, 1874, at the age of about seventy-three years. Three of the twelve children in this family died in early childhood, while those who reached years of maturity were John A., Sarah, Elizabeth J., Permelia, Permenas H., James M., George W., Marquis De LaFayette and Thomas J. Only our subject and Thomas J. are now living. The latter is proprietor of a tile and brick yard at Altamont, Effingham county, Illinois.

James M. Carpenter received only a limited education in the subscription schools of Indiana, being able to attend school only for a few months. On coming to Champaign county, Illinois, he located in Urbana township, where he followed farming until 1890, and then embarked in the livery business in Urbana, which he has since carried on with good success, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

On the 18th of November, 1875, Mr. Carpenter married Mrs. Josia A. Carey, widow of Sanford P. Carey, by whom she had two children, Mary E. and Sanford P. She died June 20, 1885, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving two children born to our subject, namely: U. Grant, born February 12, 1877, married Dora Hutton, of Champaign, and is engaged in the livery business with his father; and Austin H., born December 27, 1883, is at home with his father in Urbana. Mr. Carpenter and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are highly respected by all who know them. He is a stanch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, with which he has been identified since casting his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856.

WILLIAM KENDALL NEWCOMB, M. D. One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, a nicety of judgment but little understood by the laity. Our subject, now one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Champaign, is well fitted for the profession which he has chosen as a life work, and his skill and ability have won for him a lucrative practice.

He was born in Lyons, Iowa, April 6, 1857, a son of Judge Cyrus F. and Elizabeth (Huddlestone) Newcomb. The father was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1831, and is a descendant of Simon Newcomb,

who settled in Martha's Vineyard about 1635. Harley Newcomb, the grandfather of our subject, was the owner of a large transfer and stage line from Lynn to Boston. The father was reared and educated in his native state. He attended the schools of Boston and later read law in that city. In 1853 he removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he married Elizabeth Huddlestone, a native of Pickering, Yorkshire, England, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. Huddlestone, who came to the United States when she was about six years old and were pioneers of Chicago. In 1856 the Doctor's father went to Iowa, and in that state, as well as in Chicago, he was engaged in merchandising. In 1859 he went to California, where for a number of years he was extensively engaged in mining and mercantile pursuits, and since 1871 has made his home in Durango, Colorado. In the early days of Nevada, he was interested in mining in that state, owning the extension of the Comstock mine. He was also part owner of the Little Anne in the Summit district of Colorado, and is now extensively engaged in mining at Jasper, that state. That has been his principal business during his residence in Colorado, but he has also engaged in the practice of law, and has filled the office of county judge, United States commissioner, States revenue collector and United States administrator. Politically he has always been a Republican. He has been throughly successful, and is one of the best known and most prominent men of southwestern Colorado. His wife is still living.

Dr. Newcomb obtained his primary education in the public schools near his boyhood home, and later attended the Gem City College at Quincy, Illinois. After teaching school for a short time, he began reading medicine with Dr. W. G. Cochran, of Farmer City, Illinois, and then attended lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1882. Coming to Champaign county, he opened an office in Fisher, where he successfully engaged in practice for fourteen years, and while there he held different offices. He was president of the County Medical Society, with which he is still connected, and was also a member of the National Association of Railway Surgeons, being at that time local surgeon for the Illinois Central Railroad. Selling his practice in Fisher, in 1896, he spent one year in Europe, studying for nine months in the General Hospital at Vienna; two months at Charity Hospital in Berlin; and two months at hospitals in Paris and London. On his return to this country in July, 1897, he located in Champaign, and has already attained to a position of prominence in the medical fraternity of this city. Although he is engaged in general practice, he makes surgery and gynecology his specialty, and is meeting with most excellent success. He is a member of the surgical staff of Julia F. Burnham Hospital and has performed a great number of operations there; in fact he has won a most enviable reputation in his chosen calling.

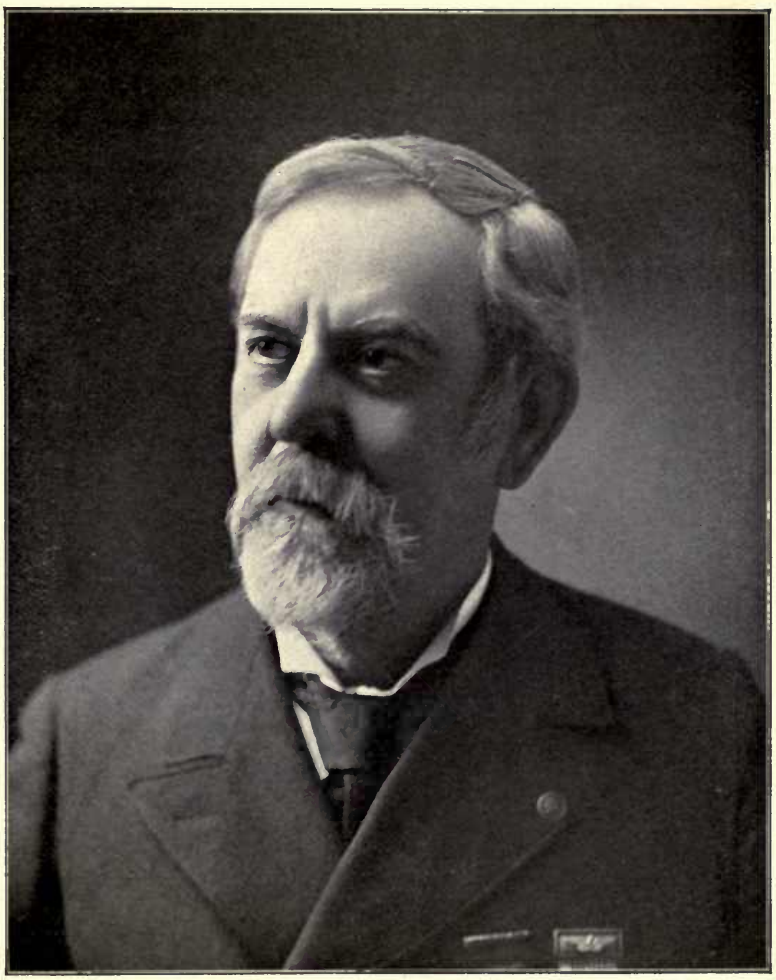
On the 7th of February, 1878, Dr. Newcomb was united in marriage with Miss Eliza C. Durbin, of Fisher, a daughter of Isaac F. Durbin, and to them have been born five children, namely: Cyrus F., Jessie R., William W., Pearl E. and Thomas F. The Doctor and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was made a Mason at Fisher, where he served as master of the lodge, and

is now a member of the Eastern Star and chapter at Champaign, and the commandery at Urbana. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and encampment at Fisher; was trustee of the lodge; and the organizer and first presiding officer of the encampment. He was also instrumental in starting a public library at that place, and was trustee of the same, but it was finally consolidated with the school library. He has ever taken an active interest in those enterprises calculated to advance the public welfare, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community. In social as well as professional circles he is a man of prominence and is quite popular with his fellowmen.

SAMUEL C. FOX. The history of a county and state, as well as that of a nation, is chiefly a chronicle of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. The world judges the character of the community by those of its representative citizens, and yields its tributes of admiration and respect for the genius or learning or virtues of those whose works and actions constitute the record of a state's prosperity and pride. It is this record that offers for our consideration the history of men, who for their activity and honor in the affairs of life are ever affording to the young examples that are worthy of emulation. To this class belongs Samuel Curtis Fox, the efficient and honored mayor of Urbana, and one of the prominent business men of the city whose success is the outcome of well directed and consecutive effort.

He was born in Damascus, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 21st of October, 1841, his parents being John and Nancy (Bender) Fox. The father was born in Maryland in 1808. His father, Christopher Fox, was killed in the war of 1812, and his mother died at his birth, so that he was left an orphan at a very early age. He was then adopted and taken to Ohio in his childhood. He learned the blacksmith's trade and also became familiar with the duties and labors of the farm. During his early residence in the Buckeye state he lived in Columbiana county, but in 1843 he took up his abode near Alliance, where his remaining days were passed. His political support was given to the Whig party and afterwards he voted the Republican ticket. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Bender, was born in Columbiana county, and was a daughter of Jacob Bender, a native of Pennsylvania, with whom Mr. Fox learned the blacksmith trade. Mrs. Fox survived her husband for some time, dying in 1867. She had a family of eleven children, all of whom were living at the time of her demise. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fox were members of the German Reformed church, and were people of the highest respectability.

Samuel C. Fox acquired his education in a log school house near his home in Ohio. In his youth he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, following that pursuit until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when, in December, 1862, he enlisted in the United States signal service, at Columbus, Ohio. He was first on duty near the fortifications at Washington and later he was with Sherman's army until its arrival at Atlanta. He was then attached to General Schofield's command, but subsequently he was returned to General Sherman's forces. His duty was a very difficult and dangerous



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one, and kept him constantly on the alert. While the main body of troops were at rest the signal corps were constantly on the lookout, and their labors subjected them to many dangers unknown to the main body of the army. Mr. Fox was at Raleigh at the time of Lee's surrender, and was discharged at Washington, D. C., on the 5th of June, 1865, the war having been happily terminated and the Union saved.

Mr. Fox then returned to his Ohio home, but in October of the same year removed to La Fayette, Indiana, where he worked at the blacksmith's trade in the Purdue Agricultural Works, occupying the position of foreman of the department at the time he severed his relation with the enterprise. In 1871 he removed to Champaign, where he engaged in blacksmithing and wagonmaking for a time, after which he took up his residence at St. Joseph, Illinois, in April, 1874. There he continued blacksmithing in connection with the implement business, and later he extended the field of his labors, by adding a stock of hardware to his store. He was not only numbered among the most enterprising business men of the town, but also took an active part in the public affairs of the place and served as the first president of the town board. He was also for seven years a member of the schoolboard, and the cause of education found in him a warm friend. He has always been an ardent Republican, unswerving in support of the principles of the party, and in the spring of 1890 he was nominated for the position of county sheriff. In the autumn he was elected and in December following entered upon the discharge of his duties, which he performed in a most satisfactory manner, making a most creditable record. During his term no prisoners escaped and there was no suit against the office to be defended at county expense. He had a just feeling of pride in the fact that he did not ask a single man to vote for him, nor did he use a cent in the saloons for election purposes. His majority was the free will offering of a people who recognized his fitness for office and had confidence in his trustworthiness. He served until 1894, and a year later, after visiting in Ohio during that period, he came to Urbana, where he has since made his home. He erected his business property at No. 157 Main street in December, 1896, and has since carried on a successful undertaking business, conducting the only exclusive undertaking establishment in the county. He has a basement morgue and chapel rooms, as well as offices, and his sales are quite extensive, practically including all the trade in the place. In the spring of 1899 he was elected to the office of mayor of Urbana, and his administration of the affairs of that responsible office has been at once practical and progressive, winning him high commendation.

In December, 1868, Mr. Fox was united in marriage to Miss Maria Bowsher, who was also a representative of an old Pennsylvania family. She died in December, 1876, leaving a little son, Guy, who was born on the 17th of September of that year and is now in Urbana. Mr. Fox afterward married Mrs. Maria Platt, of Lafayette, Indiana, daughter of Alexander Julien. The wedding was celebrated July 3, 1883. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fox are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their many excellences of character have won them high regard. He has been quite prominent in fraternal circles and was the first commander of the Grand Army Post at St. Joseph. He was frequently its delegate to

the state encampments and has attended a number of the national encampments. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He owns his own pleasant home, and is regarded as one of the leading men of the town, bearing an unassailable reputation in business and political affairs as well as in private life.

J HARVEY BAINUM, a well-known contract plasterer, is one of the energetic and reliable business men of Champaign, Illinois. He possesses excellent business and executive ability, which together with sound judgment, unflagging enterprise and capable management have brought to him a well-merited success. He has been a resident of Champaign since 1882, and now owns and occupies a pleasant modern residence at No. 207 West Springfield avenue.

Mr. Bainum was born in Clermont county, Ohio, February 24, 1844, a son of Isaac and Mary Ann (Gates) Bainum, who were married April 16, 1835, and were the parents of five children, the others being Sarah, a school teacher, who died unmarried; David, a retired citizen of New Richmond, Ohio; Margaret, deceased wife of Elmer Blanchard, of New Richmond; and Maria, deceased wife of Judson Blanchard. Hezekiah Bainum, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Delaware, and a pioneer of Clermont, Ohio, where he located in the early part of the nineteenth century. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and died in 1849. The maternal grandfather, James H. Gates, was a veteran of the war of 1812, was born in Chesterfield county, Virginia, March 13, 1790, and married Margaret McMichael, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, October 25, 1785. They were early settlers of Kentucky, and made their home in Campbell county, that state. Isaac Bainum, the father of our subject, was born in Delaware, October, 1799, and was quite young on the removal of the family to Clermont county, Ohio, locating there when the country was an almost unbroken forest and their nearest mill was twenty-four miles away. There he made his home throughout life, and during his later years was engaged in the grocery business at New Richmond, where he died November 12, 1876. He was quite a prominent business man and held a number of city offices. His wife died in 1849.

J. Harvey Bainum passed his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, remaining at home until the opening of hostilities between the north and south. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away, when he offered his services to his country, enlisting April 20, 1861, in Company C, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months. On the expiration of that term he was discharged, but re-enlisted, October 2, 1861, for three years, this time becoming a member of Company G, Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He was in the service for three years and seven months and participated in a large number of engagements, including the battles of Ivy Mountain, in November, 1861; Pittsburg Landing, April 4, 1862; Perryville, October 8, 1862; Wild Cat Mountain, October 2, 1862; Stone River, December 29, 1862, to January 3, 1863; and Chickamauga, September 14, 1863. During the last named battle he was captured, but was reported killed. For two months he was confined in Libby prison, Richmond, Virginia; was then

sent to Danville, that state, where he remained three months; and during the following nine months was incarcerated at Andersonville prison, making fourteen months in all. He was finally exchanged at Hilton Head, November 19, 1864, and sent to the parole camp at Annapolis, Maryland. He was soon afterward sent home. He was one of the few men whose remarkable constitution withstood the hardships and privations of long imprisonment, and it was not long before he had partially recovered his health and strength. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant, October 16, 1861, and as such was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, January 5, 1865.

After the war, Mr. Bainum learned the plasterer's trade, which he followed at New Richmond, Ohio, until 1874. In the meantime he was married, September 27, 1865, to Miss Margaret West, who was born in Campbell county, Kentucky, August 13, 1845, and when five years old was taken to Ohio by her parents, Samuel N. and Pauline (Gates) West, natives of Kentucky and Ohio, respectively. Her father was the oldest son of George West, a native of Virginia and a farmer by occupation. He removed to Kentucky when that state was a vast wilderness. He was born a few months before the signing of the Declaration of Independence and lived to be ninety-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Bainum have two sons: Frank E., born July 7, 1866, married Nellie Collier, daughter of Peter Collier, of Champaign, and is a member of the firm of Martin & Bainum, grocers of that city; and Curtis S., born January 9, 1869, married Anna Webb, of Champaign, and is an architect of that city.

In March, 1874, Mr. Bainum came to Champaign county, Illinois, and purchased a farm of eighty acres four miles south of Champaign, where he made his home for eight years, but devoted his attention principally to his trade. At the end of that time he removed to the city in order to give his children better educational advantages, and as a contractor he has since successfully carried on his chosen occupation at this place. He bought property on Neil street, where he lived until 1893, when he erected his present modern residence at No. 207 West Springfield avenue, which is supplied with all modern conveniences.

Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Bainum are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and socially he is a member of Colonel Nodine Post, G. A. R., and Champaign Lodge, No. 333, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand. He casts his ballot with the Democratic party, and gives his support to every enterprise which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. He enjoys in a high degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow men, and occupies a foremost place in business circles.

HORATIO G. BANES, whose home is at No. 518 East Healey street, Champaign, is a leading and influential citizen of that place—one who has been quite prominently identified with public affairs for many years, and has the best interests of the city and county at heart. A native of Ohio, he was born in Clark county, October 30, 1833, and is a son of Gabriel H. and Sarah (McKinnon) Banes, also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising in Ohio, until 1850, when, with his family, he came to Champaign county, Illinois,

locating in Newcomb township, where he purchased a half-section of land, but he was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, as he died two years later. In his native state he was quite a prominent citizen and well known in political and religious circles. He was a great admirer of Henry Clay and a stanch Whig in politics. Religiously he was a zealous worker in the Methodist Protestant church, and his residence was a place of worship for years. In his family were seven children who reached years of maturity, but only two survive, namely: Horatio G., and Eleanor, wife of Robert Wright, of Newcomb township, this county.

Mr. Banes, the subject of this sketch, was a lad of twelve years when he came with his parents to Champaign county, and his youth was passed upon the home farm, while his education was acquired in the common schools of the locality. At the age of seventeen he concluded to leave the farm and learn the carpenter's trade. He served his apprenticeship in Urbana, and since that time has made carpentering his chief occupation, being engaged in contracting and building on his own account since the age of twenty. During the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad he was employed for some time by that road, building depots and bridges in this county. He has erected many houses in Urbana, Champaign and the surrounding country during the forty years or more that he has been engaged in the work. In early manhood his winters were spent in clerking in stores in this and McLean counties, and while with Lyle & Harrison at Osman, McLean county, he was appointed justice of the peace to fill an unexpired term and was later elected to that office.

On the 24th of October, 1856, Mr. Banes was united in marriage with Miss Eunice I. Hormel, a daughter of Michael Hormel. She died September 13, 1867, and of the three children born of that union two died in childhood. The other is Nancy M., now the wife of Andrew Hampton, in the postal service at Champaign. Mr. Banes was again married, November 18, 1869, his second union being with Miss Margaret J. Hopkins, a daughter of Harris and Christina (Cherry) Hopkins. There were two children born of this marriage but both died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Banes is a member of Mahomet Lodge, No. 220, F. & A. M.; and religiously is an active and official member of the Christian church, being at present a trustee of the church. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and at present, in 1900, is a candidate before the county convention of his party for the office of county coroner. In 1886 he was elected commissioner of streets for the city of Champaign for a term of two years, and at the expiration of that time was re-elected, so acceptably had he filled the office. He was next appointed city marshal by Mayor Wilcox, and after serving in that position for two years, he was again appointed street commissioner by Mayor E. Chester, that office having become appointive instead of elective. He was elected on the temperance ticket as alderman of the second ward and filled that office in a most creditable manner for two years.

JACOB BUCH, a well-known and honored citizen of Champaign, who has served as police magistrate for eight years, and justice of the peace since November, 1877, was born on the 20th of January, 1838, in

Simmershausen, Germany, five miles from Hesse Cassel, and is a son of Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Seeger) Buch, who spent their entire lives there, the former dying in September, 1852, the latter in July, 1855. The father was a contractor and builder, and also owned and operated stone quarries.

Our subject received a good common-school education in his native land, and also learned the stone mason's trade under his father. In 1856 he emigrated to America, landing in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 25th of June, and two days later he entered the employ of a butcher at that place, where he was to receive four dollars per month and his board. While there he learned to speak and write English. He continued to work in that shop until September 10, 1860, when he enlisted in the regular army for five years, becoming a member of Company C, Second (now the Fifth) United States Cavalry, and in October left New York by steamer bound for Indianola, Texas, with Lieutenant Arnold, now brigadier-general. They marched across the country to Fort Inge near Uvalde, where Mr. Buch joined his company. After Texas seceded he returned with his command to Elizabeth, New Jersey, on the steamer Empire City, and on April 28, 1861, went by train to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where they secured horses. Under command of General George H. Thomas, the regiment crossed the Potomac at Williamsport, Maryland, and on the 2nd of July participated in their first engagement at Falling Waters, Virginia. Mr. Buch participated in over fifty engagements, and in one of these he was captured on June 13, 1862, and was held a prison on Belle Island and in Libby prison until the 14th of the following August. He rejoined his regiment at Harrison's Landing on the James river. On the 9th of June, 1863, he was wounded in the right shoulder and was off duty for three months. He served as private eight months, corporal ten months, and sergeant three years and a half. His last engagement was at Five Forks, March 30, 1865, and was then commissary sergeant for the five companies composing General Grant's body guard until honorably discharged September 10, 1865, at Washington, D. C., on the expiration of his five years' term of enlistment.

On the 21st of September, 1865, Mr. Buch went to Chicago where he and his brother William conducted a butcher shop on East Harrison street, between Sherman and Fifth avenue, until 1868. In that city he was married, June 3, 1867, to Miss Christina Miller, also a native of Germany, who, when a child of five years, came with her parents to this country and located in Chicago.

On selling out his business in that city, Mr. Buch came to Champaign, where, on July 6, 1868, he opened a butcher shop on the corner of East University avenue and First street. In 1871, he erected a building on East University between First and Second street, and did a large business until 1876, although he lost heavily on book accounts in 1873. In 1877 he was elected justice of the peace on the Republican ticket and has since filled that office in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, receiving a good share of the business. He was elected county coroner in 1878, and also filled that office until 1892, when he declined a re-election. That year he was elected police magistrate and was re-elected in 1896, being the present incumbent in that office, which he has filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the city. From

the time of the breaking out of the Civil war, he has been an active and stanch supporter of the Republican party, and although an adopted son of America his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as well as in time of war. He is an honored member of Colonel Nodine Post, of which he was commander one year, and is now officer of the day, and he has also represented the post in the state encampment. He has been connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1872, has served as noble grand of the subordinate lodge, and chief patriarch of the encampment. In 1869 he united with St. Peter's German Evangelical church, and is now one of its oldest and most prominent members. He has been one of the trustees of the church for many years, and was secretary a long time until his health prevented him from longer filling that office. In 1880 he erected a pleasant residence at No. 125 East University avenue, where he continues to make his home.

WALKER B. TACKETT. The influence of an honorable, upright life in a community cannot be over-estimated, and the record of an umblemished career is a far more desirable legacy for posterity than wealth. In a quiet, unostentatious way, W. B. Tackett, late of Champaign county, was a power for good in his community, and all who knew him loved and respected him.

A son of William and Isabella Tackett, he was born in Bath county, Kentucky, September 2, 1840, and grew to manhood in that section of the state. His parents, likewise, were natives of the Blue Grass state, were prosperous farmers, and spent their entire lives at their old home. W. B. Tackett obtained a fair education in the common schools of Kentucky, and in his youth he mastered the details of agriculture under his father's instruction. He was a young man when he decided to cast in his lot with the inhabitants of Champaign county, which thenceforth was his home. Prior to coming here, however, he had made a good start in life, and had gained a competence, which enabled him to take rank at once with the progressive farmers of this county. For a few years after his arrival here, he leased farms, and later, he invested in a valuable homestead of one hundred and twenty acres, situated in Tolona township. He made numerous desirable improvements upon the place, and was considered a capable, practical farmer and excellent business man. His chief interest centered in his little family, and he gave little attention to public matters. At the same time he never failed to perform his duties as a citizen, and in his political preference he was a Democrat.

When he was less than twenty-one years of age, in 1859, Mr. Tackett wedded a school-mate, a young girl who had grown to maturity in the same neighborhood. She was Elizabeth G., daughter of William and Nancy Powers, all natives of Kentucky, and of families who formerly had dwelt in Virginia. William Powers engaged quite extensively in the raising of live stock, mostly horses and hogs, for many years, and several times a year went to market them in South Carolina and Georgia. He continued to reside at his old home in Kentucky until his death in 1862. His widow survived until 1889, when she passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tackett. She was the mother of seven children who

lived to maturity, but four of the number are now deceased. William D. is the proprietor of a large hotel at Sidell, Illinois, and James N. resides in Menard county, near Petersburg.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Tackett nine children were born and one son of the number was graduated from the University of Illinois. F. Marion, the eldest, is engaged in the real estate business in Champaign. He married Lura B. Fankboner, and of their two children, one is deceased, and the other is William C. Annie M., the next in order of birth, died in 1894. Dora M. resides with her mother. Laura N. is the wife of Boyd Stevens, of Urbana, and their four children are named respectively: Raymond W., Warren R., Paul W. and Mary E. William C., the second son of our subject, was graduated in the University of Illinois and in the Chicago University, and then engaged in the practice of law in Chicago. He was a very promising young attorney, beloved by a large circle of friends, and when death claimed him, in February, 1896, it was felt by all who knew him that his place could not soon be adequately filled. Wallace, the next in order of birth, died at the age of two years. George, the next younger, died when sixteen months old. Rosie B. died when seventeen months old, and Olive B. when in her seventh year. The father of these children gave them every advantage within his power, and lovingly and thoughtfully provided for their future. He was summoned to his reward, January 6, 1892, and was placed to rest in the Craw cemetery.

The following year, Mrs. Tackett removed to Champaign, where she resides in a pleasant, modern house, erected under her supervision. She takes great comfort in the society of her children, and is an active worker in the Christian church, of which religious body her husband was a devoted member, also. She is a valued and efficient member of the Dorcas Society of the church, and, in a quiet way, does a great deal of good toward the needy. Needless to say, she is honored and loved for her worthy qualities, and has sincere friends by the score.

GEORGE F. GEIGER, a well-known alderman of Champaign, is now living a retired life in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves by reason of his industrious efforts of former years. Accomplishment and progress ever imply labor, energy and diligence, and it was those qualities which enabled our subject to rise from the ranks of the many and stand among the successful few. He is now one of the highly esteemed citizens of Champaign, and is well entitled to representation in the history of his adopted country.

Mr. Geiger was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, April 23, 1834, a son of George and Catherine (Hilt) Geiger, spent their entire lives there. Our subject attended the schools of his native province and completed his literary education at a gymnasium which in rank corresponded with our high schools. Crossing the Atlantic in 1857, he came direct to Springfield, Illinois, and worked as a farm hand in Sangamon county for a time. While there he was married, December 20, 1859, to Miss Mary Simons, who was born and reared in Greenville, Missouri, and was left an orphan at an early age. They have two children: Katie, who married E. J. Rising, now manager of her father's hardware

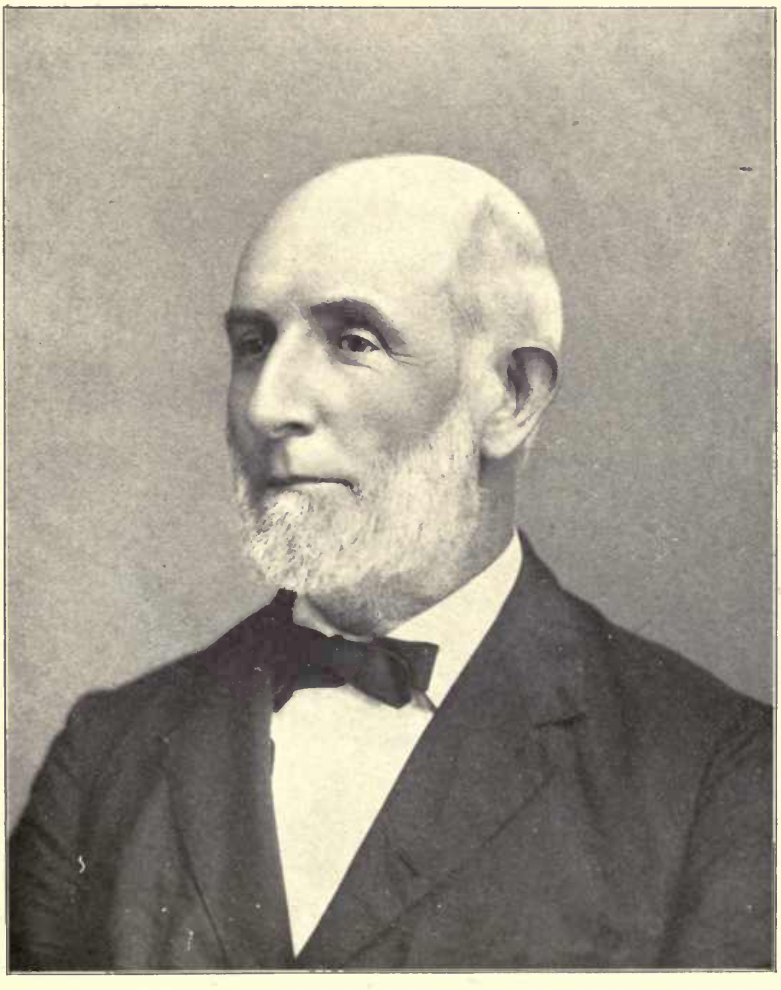
store in Mahomet, and has one child, Fred; and Rosa E., wife of Dr. A. S. Wall, of Champaign.

In 1864 Mr. Geiger removed to Lincoln, Logan county, Illinois, where he rented land for two years, and he made his first purchase, consisting of eighty acres, for which he paid forty-two dollars per acre, and which he sold at the end of six years for fifty-four dollars per acre. In the fall of 1869 he bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Mahomet township and located thereon in the spring of 1870. He has since extended its boundaries by additional purchase until the farm now comprises two hundred acres. This place he still owns. In 1882 he opened a hardware store in Mahomet, to which village he removed the following year, and there he did a successful and prosperous business until 1895, when he turned it over to his son-in-law, and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres just outside the corporate limits of Champaign. This has proved a good investment, as the place is now worth over one hundred dollars per acre. He still owns his store in Mahomet, has property in Chicago, and has erected a beautiful home at No. 707 West Park avenue—one of the best locations in Champaign. He is a man of wonderful business and executive ability, and with the exception of two thousand dollars received from his father's estate in 1869, he has made all that he now possesses.

While a resident of Mahomet Mr. Geiger served as road commissioner nine years, and was supervisor for six consecutive terms, during which time he was a member of the ways and means committee for several years. While a member of the board the township brought suit against the railroad company for fifty thousand dollars and lost it. It was to recover ten per cent. interest that had not been paid for ten years. Our subject refunded it at six per cent. and the whole amount was paid off while he was in office. In 1899 he was elected alderman from the fifth ward of Champaign, and is now most creditably and acceptably filling that office. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, has taken an active and prominent part in its work as a member of the county executive committee, but has never been an office seeker. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the German lodge of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand; and the encampment, of which he is past high priest. He also belongs to the Presbyterian church, while his wife holds membership in the Baptist. Wherever known they are held in high regard on account of their sterling worth, and their friends throughout Champaign county are numerous.

THOMAS S. HUBBARD, one of the honored pioneers of Urbana, has been closely associated with its development and progress from its early days, and none of our citizens are more universally known or respected. He is a sterling representative of the sturdy old New England stock, and keen business ability and foresight are among his prominent characteristics. Strict integrity of word and deed throughout his long, successful career have been largely responsible for his high standing in the community, and the interests entrusted to him have never suffered from any negligence upon his part.

The Hubbards originated in England, but for many generations have been repre-



THOMAS S. HUBBARD.

sented in America. Jeremiah, grandfather of T. S. Hubbard, lived to be sixty-three years old, his death occurring in 1808. His wife, whose maiden name was Flora Hazelton, died November 30, 1833. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Rufus, Jeremiah, Simon, Alice, Susanna, Flora, Catherine, George, Asa and Bathsheba. Capt. George Hubbard, the father of our subject, was born January 25, 1781, in Middletown, Connecticut, and in his early life followed the calling of a sea-captain. Subsequent to 1829, when the president placed the embargo upon shipping interests, he turned his attention to the management of a hotel and to agriculture.

He died October 29, 1833, and was survived by his widow thirty years. She was Electa Bronson in her girlhood, and was a native of Farmington, Connecticut. Capt. George Hubbard and wife were the parents of the following-named children: Flora A., died at the age of fifteen months; Eliza B., who wedded Elisha L. Sage, died at the age of fifty-two years; Antoinette A. married David C. Brooks in 1834, and died November 1, 1878, at the age of sixty-three years, leaving five children, George F. and Charles A., who have since departed this life, and James C., Thomas H. and Mary E.; Flora J. died when seven months old; Nancy M. was seven years old at the time of her death; Jane L., who was the wife of James H. Kibbee, died when sixty-one years of age; George died when an infant; Thomas S. is the subject of this notice; Susanna J., wife of L. T. Marion, died in 1895, when in her seventieth year; and Julia M., widow of Humphrey Harsh, resides in Warren, Ohio.

The birth of Thomas S. Hubbard occured in Cromwelltown, Middlesex county, Connecticut, September 25, 1825. After completing his elementary education in the schools of his native place, he entered Yale College in 1845, where he was graduated four years later. Among his class-mates were Timothy Dwight, now president of their Alma Mater; Dr. Fisk, prominently connected with the Congregational Theological Seminary of Chicago, and Dr. Morris, a professor in the Lane Theological Seminary, of Ohio. Upon completion of his studies, Mr. Hubbard engaged in the manufacture of japanned tinware and hardware in Meriden and Durham, Connecticut. In 1854 he came to Champaign county, arriving in Urbana December 8th. Here he soon embarked in the banking business, being the proprietor of the first bank in this county. In February, 1856, he accepted the position of cashier in the Grand Prairie Bank, which had a branch at West Urbana (now Champaign), and these were the only banks in this county prior to 1861, until which time Mr. Hubbard continued to serve in the last-mentioned office. Afterwards, he embarked in the grocery business, and finally became financially interested in the hardware trade. In 1865 he sold out his business here and returning to his native place remained there until 1869. He then decided to permanently cast in his fortunes with the people of Urbana, and since that time has been actively engaged in the hardware business. The firm, which long has been known throughout this section under the style of Hubbard & Sons, is reliable and enterprising, commanding an extensive patronage. He is the oldest business man in the Twin Cities in point of continuous operations.

The marriage of T. S. Hubbard and Jane E., daughter of Dr. Wyllys and Mary

(Lewis) Woodruff, took place November 14, 1849. Mrs. Hubbard, who is a native of Meriden, Connecticut, comes of an old and respected family of that state. Her father, who was a successful physician and surgeon, and a graduate of the medical department of Yale College, in the class of 1824, thenceforth was engaged in practice in Meriden. He died March 31, 1842, loved and sincerely mourned by a multitude of friends. His marriage to Miss Lewis occurred February 14, 1828, in Southington, Connecticut. They became the parents of two daughters, Jane E. and Mary A. The latter, who died May 19, 1860, was the wife of George Butler, of Alabama, and their three children are all deceased. Mrs. Mary (Lewis) Woodruff became the wife of Henry C. Butler May 31, 1848, and died July 17, 1871. Mr. Woodruff and wife were devoted members of the Congregational church.

The eldest child of our subject and wife, Wyllys W., died when young from that dread scourge, small-pox. George W., a member of the firm of Hubbard & Sons, is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. He is a very public-spirited citizen, served as alderman for four years and for a like period was mayor of Urbana, during that time materially aiding in securing many notable improvements for this place. Minnie W. is the wife of Dr. A. M. Lindley, of Urbana. Julia E. is the wife of Thomas A. Insley, and their four children are Clara, deceased, Charles W., Ida H. and Minnie. Harry T., a member of the firm of Hubbard & Sons, married Maggie Riley, and their only living child is Frank W.

A notable occasion in the annals of Urbana was the golden wedding anniversary of T. S. Hubbard and wife, November 14, 1899, celebrated at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lindley. Over one hundred and fifty guests, mostly old friends from different parts of this county, were present, but it so happened that only one of those who witnessed the marriage of the worthy couple half a century before was able to congratulate them in person upon this happy anniversary. This was Mrs. W. L. Squire, of Meriden, Connecticut, who made the long journey of about two thousand miles for the purpose, even though she could remain but twenty-four hours. Ex-President Dwight, the old friend and class-mate of Mr. Hubbard, though he had been present at their wedding, was forced to send his sincere regrets, instead of coming to assist in the celebration, as he earnestly desired to do. The Rev. A. A. Stevens, of Peoria, Illinois, who had performed the wedding ceremony fifty years before, was unable to attend, owing to his extreme age.

When Mr. Hubbard settled in Urbana, in 1854, there was but one brick building in the place, and though the Illinois Central Railroad had been completed through here that fall, trains were not regularly run during the ensuing winter. He had undaunted confidence in the future of the town, however, and, needless to relate, has himself been one of the leading factors in the prosperity it enjoys today. The high esteem in which he has always been held by those who know him, and the genuine belief in his business sagacity and ability manifested by his fellow citizens may be estimated by the following instance. At an early day he was solicited to accept a position as fiscal agent for the collection and settlement of notes belonging to the county, and arising from the sale of some swamp lands. Such confidence was reposed in Mr.

Hubbard that he was not required to give a bond, although the amount involved was over fifty thousand dollars. Two or three persons had previously had charge of these notes, but when, several years subsequent to his acceptance of the office, a committee was appointed by the county authorities to look into its affairs, the only records which could be found in regard to the numbers and amounts and disposition of the notes were those made and preserved by Mr. Hubbard. Politically, he was a Whig in his early manhood, and is now a stanch Republican. For eight years he served the people of Urbana as an alderman, but he has preferred to keep out of public life.

Since 1857, when the First Presbyterian church of Urbana was organized, Mr. Hubbard has been one of its elders, and for many years was a teacher in the Sunday-school, as was his wife, also. His children and four of his grandchildren belong to the same church. The Bloomington Presbytery honored Mr. Hubbard by appointing him as a commissioner to the Centennial General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, which convened in the Philadelphia Academy of Music, May 17, 1888, and continued in session three weeks. Mr. Hubbard was appointed by the Assembly to serve as a member of one of the standing committees of that body and also on two or three special committees.

ALBERT S. WALL, M. D., is one of the successful physicians and surgeons of Champaign, Illinois, and a prominent resident of that place. He has much natural ability, but is withal a close student and believes thoroughly in the maxim "there is no excellence without labor." His devotion to the duties of his profession therefore, combined with a comprehensive understanding of the principles of the science of medicine, has made him a most successful and able practitioner, whose prominence is well deserved.

Dr. Wall was born in Clarks Hill, Indiana, May 14, 1861, a son of Richard B. and Catharine (Baer) Wall, the former born in Kentucky, the mother near Dayton, Ohio. The paternal grandfather, however, was from Pennsylvania, and from that state removed to Kentucky, and later to Indiana, becoming a pioneer of Tippecanoe county in 1834. The Doctor's father accompanied his parents on their removal to the Hoosier State, where he was married, and where he continued to make his home throughout life, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his wife, who is still living, holds membership in the Christian church.

Dr. Wall acquired his early education in the country schools near his boyhood home, but later attended the Central Indiana Normal School at Ladoga, from which he was graduated in 1881. For a time he successfully engaged in teaching school, having a good position as principal, and then entered the office of Dr. Joseph Parker, of Colfax, Indiana. Subsequently he attended lectures at the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1890, but remained there doing hospital work for a number of months. In the fall of 1890 he opened an office in Mahomet, Champaign county, Illinois, and built up a large and lucrative practice at that place. While there he was honored with public office, but refused to accept the same, pre-

ferring to devote his attention strictly to his professional duties. On leaving there, Dr. Wall went to Chicago, where he took a post-graduate course, paying special attention to surgery, and in practice has since made that his specialty. In the spring of 1896 he located in Champaign, and has met with most excellent success in his practice here. He is a member of the surgical staff of Julia F. Burnham Hospital, and has performed some very complicated and difficult operations, being especially successful in those for appendicitis. He is examining physician for a number of prominent life insurance companies.

On November 9, 1892, Dr. Wall was united in marriage with Miss Rose E. Geiger, of Mahomet, daughter of Frederick Geiger, a wealthy farmer. She is a member of the Baptist church, to the support of which the Doctor contributes, and he is connected with the Masonic Lodge of Mahomet.

WILLIAM LENINGTON is one of the honored pioneers of Champaign county, which he has seen developed from the wild prairie into its present condition of fertility and beauty. In this good work, the labor of several decades, he has borne an important part, and is justly entitled to be called one of the founders of the county.

His parents, James T. and Sarah (Bonnell) Lenington, were natives of New Jersey, and in that state resided until 1832, the father following his trade as a hatter. In the year mentioned, they started with a horse and wagon and crossed the Alleghany mountains, their destination being Licking county, Ohio. The journey consumed about four weeks, and when they reached their new home they found a great task, indeed, before them. Of the eighty acres of land which constituted their farm, only five acres had been cleared, the remainder being heavily timbered. Building a log cabin, the family lived within its humble walls for several years, then removing to a frame house. The father gradually cleared away the forest, hauling the logs to the nearest saw-mill, and, subsequently, he added three hundred and twenty acres more to his original purchase. He died in 1875, at his old home in Licking county, where he had become so well known and genuinely respected. His wife, who had shared with him all of the privations of frontier life, bravely and uncomplainingly, attained about the same age. Four of their children survived to maturity, namely: William, Nathaniel, Thomas and Martha J., now the widow of David Nichols, of Champaign.

William Lenington, whose birth occurred in Morris county, N. J., April 17, 1825, spent much of his boyhood in the wilderness of Licking county, Ohio, and only a few months, during a few winters, was it his privilege to attend school. When he was twenty-two years of age he left home, where he had manfully shouldered his share of the laborious duties, and, going to Granville, obtained a position in the village store. There he soon became conversant with the business, and for nine years faithfully remained at his post, in the meantime carefully laying aside a portion of his earnings. In 1856 he came to Champaign county and later bought one hundred and eighty acres of prairie land in Condit township, Champaign county, and at once set about improving the place, which was unbroken prairie land. The years rolled away, and many changes for the better

might have been observed on the place, good buildings, fences and well tilled fields, groves and ditches, and a hundred other improvements having been made by the enterprising owner. Giving much of his attention to the raising of live stock, particularly sheep, he met with success, and rapidly added to his financial possessions. He now owns five hundred and twenty acres, situated on sections 27, 28 and 33, Condit township. By well directed energy and perseverance in his undertakings, he won the prosperity he now enjoys, and at the same time his business methods were such that no one in his community has been more sincerely esteemed. In 1885 he retired from the active care and responsibility of managing his large farm, and since that time he has dwelt in Champaign, where he is well and favorably known.

In 1851, Mr. Lenington married Julia Condit, a daughter of Wyckliff Condit, of Ohio. She died in 1859, and their first-born, John, died in infancy. Helen, the next child, is the wife of John Trevett, who is engaged in the banking business in Champaign, and Grant is the proprietor of the Commercial House, in Tolono, this county. In 1861, Mr. Lenington wedded Mrs. Lucinda Pearson, a daughter of Truman French, of Licking county, and widow of George Pearson. Ira, the eldest child of our subject and wife, died in infancy. Wade is engaged in the lumber business in St. Joseph, Illinois; James Truman is a successful dentist at Springfield, Illinois, and Allen resides at home with his parents.

As stated before, William Lenington aided materially in the founding of this county and in placing it upon a safe and prosperous footing. For a great many years he served in the responsible position of supervisor of his own township, and acquitted himself with credit. At that time the county was deeply in debt, and the supervisors of the different townships had no light tasks before them. Mr. Lenington proved himself to be equal to all emergencies, and loyally stood for improvements and whatever he believed would be for the permanent welfare of the community. In national affairs he has been a stanch Republican. Both himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, he being one of the trustees. They are liberal in their contributions to religious and benevolent enterprises, and delight to lend a helping hand to the destitute and afflicted.

WILBER FISK HARDY is a leading representative of the business interests of Champaign, where for several years he has been a dealer in agricultural implements, coal and seeds. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a leading place among the substantial citizens of the place. He has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well-deserved.

Mr. Hardy was born in North Palermo, Waldo county, Maine, August 24, 1835, a son of Orley and Sylvia (Sterns) Hardy, natives of New Hampshire, whose ancestors were from England and were among the early settlers of New England. After their marriage they removed to Maine, where the father, who was a mechanic, carried on business for a short time, but when our subject was three years old he took his family to Sempronius, Cayuga county, New York, where he made his home until going

to Kentucky, about 1847. Later he came to Gilman, Illinois, where he died about 1865, and his wife, who was a daughter of Isaiah Sterns, died at the home of our subject in Champaign, in October, 1889. She was a most estimable woman and a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The parental grandparents of our subject were Eldad and Anna (Leland) Hardy. The former was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was held a prisoner for a time. He spent his last days in Cayuga county, New York. Wilber F. Hardy is the second in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being Manlius, who remained in Kentucky; Eliza, who married W. A. Hampton and died in Missouri; Eunice, who died in this county; Eldad, who was wounded in the battle of Missionary Ridge while a soldier of the Civil war and died at his home in this county, in 1876; and Isaiah, a resident of Champaign.

The subject of this sketch acquired a limited education in the schools of Cayuga county, New York and Kentucky, but from the age of fifteen to nineteen years his time was occupied in carrying the mail from Kiddville to Richmond, Kentucky, on horseback. and as his parents were in limited circumstances and education expensive, he did not attend school much after that. At the age of twenty he went to Berlin Heights, Erie county, Ohio, where he attended a district school for one winter, and an academy during the following two winters, pursuing his studies under the direction of Job Fish, who is still teaching. In the meantime he worked on a farm near Berlin Heights, and spent one summer working in his father's shop in Kentucky.

In April, 1858, Mr. Hardy came to Champaign county, Illinois, and located on a tract of railroad land in Stanton township, for which his father had contracted, and to the improvement of which our subject devoted his energies for a time, but as his father did not settle thereon, it was afterward abandoned. Our subject afterward rented the W. D. Somers farm in the same township for five years, at the same time caring for his mother and the four younger children of the family who had come with him to the county. He managed to save money while residing there, but during the following six years he was in ill health and his little capital was soon exhausted. Subsequently he worked at the carpenter's trade until coming to Champaign, but in the meantime he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Stanton township, which he owned until 1889, when he sold it and bought one hundred and sixty-five acres, two miles and a half north of Champaign. In 1875 he removed to Urbana, where he engaged in the agricultural implement business for one summer, but in January, 1876, came to Champaign, and opened the same kind of a store in a large brick building on Water street, which he occupied for eleven years. In 1895 he purchased the building at No. 36 University avenue, where he has since engaged in business. Seeing the failure of others who have branched out into different lines of trade, he has confined himself strictly to the one business, and is now the oldest implement dealer in years of continuous business in the county. Besides his business property he owns a good home on the corner of Third street and University avenue, and a pasture of eight acres inside the corporate limits. He has successfully managed both his business and his farm, and is to-day one of the prosperous citizens of Champaign.

Mr. Hardy first married Miss Lucretia Berkshire, of Stanton township, who died three years later, leaving one child, Sylvia, now Mrs. George Sendenburg, of Champaign, and in February, 1879, he married Miss Mary Chapin, an old schoolmate of his at Berlin Heights. She is a consistent member of the Congregational church.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hardy is a Democrat, and he served as alderman from the first ward for three terms during which time the city hall was erected, his name with those of the other councilmen being placed on the corner stone. For a part of the time he was a member of the street committee and much of the paving of the city was then done. He has always taken an active interest in educational affairs and has been an efficient member of the school board. His record is that of a man who through his own well-directed efforts has worked his way upward to a position of affluence, and receives the respect and esteem of all who know him.

THOMAS COFFEY, who is successfully engaged in the retail liquor business in Champaign, Illinois, was born in that city in June, 1860, a son of Patrick and Mary (O'Neil) Coffey, both natives of county Galway, Ireland. During early life Patrick Coffey engaged in farming in his native land, his father being a farmer and stock raiser upon the estate of Dr. French, a relative of General French, of the British army in Transvaal, Africa. Deciding to try his fortune in the new world, the father of our subject sailed from Liverpool, England, when about nineteen years of age, and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained about two years. In 1854 he came by train to Urbana, Illinois, which at that time was but a small village, the Illinois Central Railroad having just been built through the county. Here he was first engaged in clerking and later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, following farming in Condit and Champaign townships for about seven years each. At the end of that time he took up his residence in Champaign, and in September, 1865, purchased the hotel now known as the St. James, which he successfully conducted up to the time of his death, May 7, 1889. He also run a feed stable for the accommodation of his farmer patrons, and in his undertakings met with good success. He was a man of considerable prominence, was also quite popular, and was called upon to serve as alderman from the third and fourth wards for the long period of eighteen years. In his family were eight children, of whom five reached man and womanhood, namely: Mary, wife of William Heffernan, who is engaged in the wholesale liquor and cigar business in Champaign; Maggie, wife of P. L. Hayes, a passenger engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad living in Champaign; Thomas, our subject; Jo W., a resident of Champaign, who was formerly with the Illinois Central Railroad; and E. M., who is employed in the Illinois Central Railroad shops at Freeport, Illinois. The mother now makes her home with our subject.

Thomas Coffey received his education in the schools of Champaign, and at the age of twenty years started out in life for himself. He became familiar with his present business in the employ of his brother-in-law, William Heffernan, and on the 12th of July, 1895, purchased the saloon of James D. Caldwell, of Champaign, which he con-

ducted alone until September, 1897, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Heffernan and turned his attention to the wholesale trade, but on the 1st of February, 1898, he sold his interest in the business to John Heffernan, a brother of his partner, and has since engaged in the retail business alone.

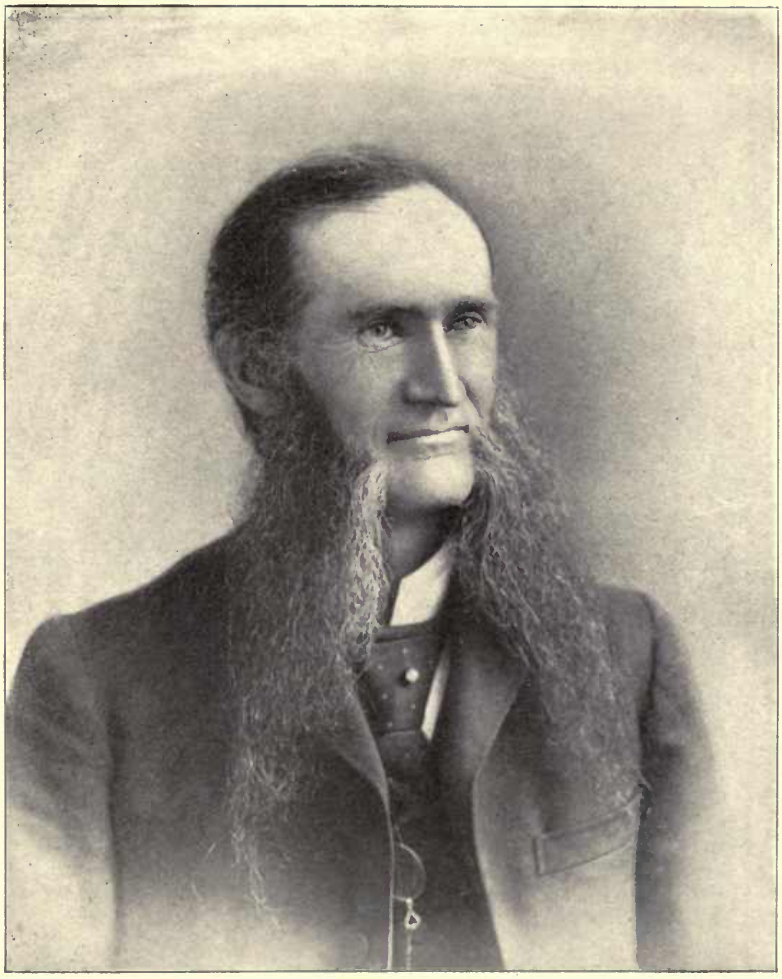
In February, 1893, Mr. Coffey was united in marriage with Miss Martha Flegel, a native of Saxton, Germany, and a daughter of Anton Flegel, who brought his family to America when Mrs. Coffey was only eight months old, and located in Champaign, Illinois, where he was engaged in business as a tailor for a number of years. He died in 1883, and his wife in 1888. Mrs. Coffey was the second in order of birth in their family of five children.

PATRICK RICHARDS. The citizens of Urbana feel that they have sustained a loss in the death of the late Patrick Richards that the lapse of many years alone will molify. He was foremost in everything which tended toward the advancement of his community and country, and gave not only of his means and time but of his influence and strength to various enterprises which he deemed would stimulate local pride and industry. Had his ambition lain in that direction, he might have become a power in the political world, but he was unobtrusive by nature and preferred to aid friends and other worthy and public spirited men to official positions.

In tracing his history it was found that Patrick Richards was born in Quebec, Canada, December 17, 1835, and when an infant was taken to Utica, New York. When he had finished his education in the schools of that city he commenced serving an apprenticeship in one of the largest drug stores in Utica, and remained with the firm for several years, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the details of the business. Arriving at his majority, he went to New York city, where he became an experienced prescription clerk, and in 1862 he located in Tolono, Illinois. With a small capital, about five hundred dollars, he bought a small stock of drugs, gradually adding to it as he could afford to do so, until, at one time, his stock was valued at seventeen thousand dollars. Genial and courteous in manner, reliable and trustworthy, he won the confidence and esteem of the public, and his trade kept extending until he had customers all throughout that section of the county.

In 1882, Mr. Richards sold out his business with the thought of living a retired life in Tolono, but later removed to Urbana, with the intention of taking a well earned rest from the responsibilities of commercial matters. His excellent business qualifications were so well known, however, that he was not long allowed to remain inactive, and soon he was induced to become identified with the First National Bank of Urbana, then a private banking institution. For several years he served as president of the this well known bank, and by his zeal and keen financial enterprise aided in placing it upon a firm basis of prosperity, and at present its capital stock is one hundred thousand dollars.

For several terms Mr. Richards was supervisor of his township, being chosen by almost a unanimous vote of the people of his locality, and he would have been retained longer in the office had he not refused to serve further. Though he was a stalwart Republican, he was a man who made few, if



PATRICK RICHARDS.

any, political enemies, as his integrity, good sense and general popularity outweighed all other considerations. In 1892 he was sent as an Illinois state delegate to the national Republican convention at Minneapolis, where he cast his ballot for Harrison, and made numerous warm friends. In 1898 he consented to the urgent solicitations of his friends that he become a candidate for congressman, but at the county convention he withdrew his name, as he felt that his health was uncertain, and that he might not be able to do the people justice on that account.

The marriage of Mr. Richards and Amelia I. Morgan was solemnized May 22, 1865, by the Rev. G. W. Riley. Mrs. Richards' parents were W. F. and A. T. (Bruce) Morgan, who, like herself, are natives of Fleming county, Kentucky. They have lived in this county for many years, honored and respected by all who know them. Mr. Morgan is in his eighty-eighth year, and his wife is four years his junior. Of their ten children, Lucinda is the wife of Rev. W. T. Green, a missionary in Mexico; Garrard S., who married Florence Saxton, resides in Peoria; Henry Bruce, also of Peoria, wedded Jennie Woodruff; Woodson, of Champaign, married Harriet Atkinson; Elizabeth, wife of S. C. Knight, died when in her twenty-fifth year; Millard M., of Chicago, chose as his wife Stella Kirkpatrick; William, who married Ida Sanford, resides in Memphis; Anna died at the age of fifteen years and James, manager of the Boston Globe, married Helen Daily, of Boston.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Richards was blessed with two sons and a daughter. Gertrude, who possesses considerable musical and artistic talent, formerly was a student in the University of Illinois. Clarence M., a thorough-going young business man, is assistant cashier of the Urbana First National Bank, and Chester W. is attending the city high school.

The entire Richards family have been identified with the Baptist denomination for years, the father having held the office of deacon. He was liberal toward religious enterprises, and his private charities were as numerous as they were quiet and unknown to the public. His long and useful life came to a close on New Year's day, 1899, and to those who knew him intimately there can be no doubt that to him were spoken the blessed words "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

A H. HARTMAN, a prominent and successful contractor and builder, residing at No. 403 West Springfield avenue, Champaign, Illinois, was born August 14, 1845, in Fountain county, Indiana, on the present site of the town of Harveysburg, and is a son of Adam and Mary (Vail) Hartman. The family is of German origin and the name was originally spelled Hardtmann. The great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Saxony, and in that country married a Miss Matkins, but before the Revolutionary war they came to America and took up their residence in Lexington, North Carolina. Mr. Hartman now has in his possession a relic belonging to these ancestors which has quite an interesting history. It is a large cow's horn upon which has been cut two large Roman capital M's, the initials of Millican Matkins, a brother-in-law of our subject's great-grandfather. He was a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, and with

other Hessian soldiers was hired by the British to fight against the colonists in the Revolutionary war. While serving under Cornwallis at Guilford, North Carolina, he accidentally heard of George Hardtmann being in another part of the same state. As he had already become tired of fighting against the Americans, he concluded to desert and make his way to Lexington, hoping to find that the Hardtmann there might prove to be his brother-in-law. He stole from the British camp, taking with him as his only weapon of defense a large horn broken from the skull of a beef that had been slaughtered and still containing the heavy green inner bone. After some days of tramping and nights spent in the wilderness he found Mr. Hardtmann, who proved indeed to be his relative. The horn which he had carried with him lay in the yard a year or two, but was finally converted into a hunting horn, and as such is preserved by our subject.

George Hartman, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Lexington, North Carolina, and by occupation was a farmer and distiller, the latter being quite a common vocation in those days. In 1831, he moved to Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life. In early life he served as colonel of a regiment of militia, and was a radical Democrat, the father of our subject being the only one of the family who was a Whig. The grandfather had six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: George, Adam, Peter; Abbie, wife of Valentine Day; John; and Elsie. Only Adam, Peter and Abbie married, and all save the youngest moved to Indiana. Our subject's maternal grandfather, John Vail, was a soldier of the war of 1812 in General Coffey's division and took part in the battle of New Orleans.

Adam Hartman, father of our subject, was born in Lexington, North Carolina, in 1809, and was a young man when the family removed to Indiana, being among the earliest pioneers of Fountain county. There he married Mary Vail, who was born in Greenville, Tennessee, in 1816. He followed the occupation of a wagon and carriage maker throughout life. In 1867, he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and died in Sidney in 1873. In politics he was a strong Whig and later a Republican, and in religion was an active member of the Baptist church.

Of the nine children born to Adam and Mary (Vail) Hartman, three died in early life, and the others are as follows: Adaline married Henry Bacon and lived in Edgar county, Illinois, until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Seventy-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service at Stone River. His widow afterward came to Champaign, where she died in August, 1899. Eliza is the widow of William Russell and resides in Dana, Indiana. John R. was a member of the Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, twice re-enlisted, and served all through the Civil war. In 1867 he came to Champaign, where he died in 1895. Mary died in 1862, in early womanhood. A. H., our subject, is next in order of birth. Amanda, deceased, was the wife of Jeremiah Slater, of Hillsdale, Indiana. George W. makes his home in Champaign, Illinois.

During his boyhood and youth A. H. Hartman remained at home and learned the wagonmaker's and blacksmith's trades. On the 23d of November, 1863, at the age of eighteen years, he joined the boys in blue of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service until August 28, 1865,

when he was discharged at Lexington, North Carolina, his father's birthplace. His regiment was under the command of Colonel John C. McQuestian, and was at first a part of the Army of the Cumberland, and later the Army of Ohio, and still later the Army of North Carolina. Under General Scofield, he took part in the campaign from the battle of Chattanooga until after the fall of Atlanta, and then with his command went to Florence, where they met Hood and retreated to Nashville, taking part in the meantime in the battle of Franklin. After the battle of Nashville, the regiment followed Hood to Clifton on the Tennessee, where they took steamers for Cincinnati, and from there went by cars to Washington, D. C., where they lay in camp one month. At the end of that time they were transferred to the Army of North Carolina and took transports at Alexandria, Virginia. After coursing along the coast for eighteen days, not knowing their destination, they were landed at Morehead City, North Carolina, and proceeded by rail to Newbern, and from there marched to Kingston. A severe engagement was brought on at Weiser's Fork with General Hoke, the Federal troops numbering only six thousand, while the Confederates numbered fifteen thousand. The army then marched across the country to Goldsboro, where they met General Sherman as he came up from Savannah, and with that commander proceeded to Raleigh, remaining with him until after the surrender of General Johnston. During the last two months of his service, Mr. Hartman was riding orderly on the staff of General Kilpatrick, and was stationed at Charlotte, North Carolina, in charge of government stores and supplies. Singularly enough the last two weeks were passed at Lexington, where his father was born and reared, and where many of his relatives still reside. They had fought against him in the Confederate army. Mr. Hartman had several narrow escapes during his service. While on the skirmish line in northern Georgia he was wounded in the right leg by a musket ball; in August, 1864, on the Sandtown road, he was knocked down by the concussion of a shell; and during the campaign of Atlanta was under fire for one hundred and twenty-five days. He was in the engagements on the 22nd of July, 1864, and saw General McPherson fall.

After the war Mr. Hartman returned to Indiana, where he engaged in farming for two years, and in 1867, after making a prospecting tour of Illinois and Missouri, he located in Sidney township, this county, where for ten years he rented land and engaged in farming. In 1877 he went to Texas, intending to locate in that state, but was disappointed in the outlook and returned to his birthplace, where he spent one year. At the end of that time he came to Homer, Illinois, where he assumed charge of the mill and elevator of M. D. Coffeen, and held that position until 1884, when he located in Champaign, and has since engaged in carpentering and building. For the past ten years he has done contract work only. The first building he erected in this county was in Sidney township in 1868, but since that time has built many of the modern residences and business blocks in the county. Among the former in Champaign are the homes of J. W. Stanley, on East Main street, Mrs. Eva Green, F. H. Lange and M. T. Smith. In 1896 he erected his own beautiful residence, which is equipped with all modern comforts and conveniences.

In Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Hartman was

married, February 12, 1891, to Miss Jennie Sharp, a native of Groveport, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Martha (Kramer) Sharp. Her father was a prominent business man of Groveport, where he was engaged in general merchandising and the grain business. He died February 4, 1873, and the mother departed this life July 16, 1876. They had seven children, three sons, and four daughters, namely: Richard, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Stella, wife of John Allen, of Detroit, Michigan; Jennie, wife of our subject; Albert K., a farmer of Marion, Indiana; Cora B., and Isabella, both residents of Columbus, Ohio; and Charles P., a pharmacist, who died in Champaign, April 15, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman had one son, Frederick, who was born October 27, 1892, and died August 22, 1893.

Both our subject and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church of Champaign, and he is also a member of the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and while a resident of Sidney he took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, serving as alderman of the village and constable of the township. In the latter office he did much deputy sheriff work. He is thoroughly identified with the interests of his city and county, and is well known as an enterprising and reliable business man, one who always keeps abreast with the times. All who know him hold him in the highest esteem.

GEORGE H. LUTZ, alderman from the second ward, and a prominent cigar manufacturer of Champaign, was born in Athens county, Ohio, November 2, 1853, a son of John K. and Margaret Lutz. The father was a native of Virginia but our subject's paternal grandfather was born in Pennsylvania. When our subject was quite small the father removed to Indiana, where he spent one year, and then, in 1856, came to Champaign county, Illinois, where he has since engaged in farming and teaming. When he located here the city of Champaign contained but two stores, and he has watched with interest its growth and development. Although a quiet, unassuming man, he has many friends and is highly respected by all who know him. Both he and his wife are still living and continue to make their home in Champaign.

Our subject is indebted to the public schools of this county for his educational advantages. In 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Nicewander, of Champaign, who was born in Hensley township, this county. Her father, Daniel Nicewander, an extensive farmer, was of German descent and a pioneer of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have a family of six children, namely: George William, Edith, Ruby, Opal, Roy and Flossie.

After his marriage, Mr. Lutz engaged in farming in Hensley township for eight years, and then followed the same occupation first in Champaign township for a year. In 1885 he removed to the city of Champaign, but not meeting with success, he went to Kansas. On his return to Champaign he worked for others two years and then embarked in business as a dealer in cigars. Later he added a stock of liquor, but has since disposed of that department, and purchased a cigar factory at No. 77 Main street, which he is now most successfully carrying on. He also owns a nice home at No. 123 University avenue, where he now resides.

The Democratic party finds in Mr. Lutz a stanch supporter of its principles; he has always been an active worker for its interests; has been a delegate to many county conventions; and a member of the ward, township and city executive committees at different times. In the spring of 1894 he was elected alderman, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he has been twice re-elected, his present term expiring in 1901. He has been a member of various committees, and as a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, he has given his support to all measures which he believed calculated to prove of public benefit. Since he has been a member of the council many streets have been paved; the subways under the Illinois Central Railroad have been put in, and all of the sewers constructed. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Foresters, and has served as district deputy.

ARTHUR M. BURKE is cashier of the Citizens Bank of Champaign, one of the leading financial institutions of the county, and is rapidly working his way to a foremost position among the prominent financiers of this section of the state. Genuine success is not likely to be the result of mere chance or fortune, but is something to be labored for and sought out with consecutive effort. Mr. Burke is a young man, but has already attained to a measure of prosperity that many a one who started out on life's journey before him might well envy.

A native of Champaign county, he was born in Condit township, November 6, 1870, and is a son of P. E. and Isabella Burke. The father was born in Davis county, Kentucky, and continued to reside there until about 1860, when he moved to Logan county, Illinois, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. In 1861 he joined the boys in blue as a member of Company F, Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and was mustered in at Camp Lincoln. Going immediately to the front, he participated in the battles of Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga and other notable engagements, remaining in the service three years. After his return to civil life, he resumed farming in Logan county, but in 1867, he came to Champaign county, and took up his residence in Condit, where a few years later he purchased land and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his removal to Rantoul in 1877. He was interested in the grocery and meat business there for a few years, and subsequently engaged in the grain and coal business at the same place until 1882, when appointed deputy sheriff by J. C. Ware, then sheriff of the county. After filling that position for four years, he was elected sheriff and served in that office for the same length of time. In 1890 he bought an interest in the First National Bank of Urbana, but at the end of six months he sold out on account of ill health, and did not actively engage in any business thereafter. In 1893 he moved to Champaign, where he made his home until his death, which occurred February 14, 1896. He was widely and favorably known and was a man of considerable influence in his community. Fraternally he was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America; Urbana Lodge, F. & A. M.; and Black Eagle Post, No. 129, G. A. R.; while religiously he was a member of the Baptist church, to which his wife also belonged. She still continues to reside in Champaign.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Burke, namely: Nellie, who died in 1878, at the age of thirteen years; Arthur M., our subject; William H., who is married and living in Danville, Illinois; Eugene I., who is pursuing a literary course at the University of Illinois, and will graduate in the spring of 1900; and Benjamin J., who is employed as a clerk in the Citizens Bank of Champaign.

Arthur M. Burke completed his education in the high schools of Urbana, and after laying aside his text books spent a year and a half in Colorado, being employed in a wholesale commission house of Denver. Returning to Champaign, he served as deputy sheriff under his father for one year. In 1890 he entered the employ of M. W. Mathews, of the Urbana Herald, as reporter and solicitor, and remained with him for about a year, after which he engaged in clerking in the clothing department of Ottheim's store until 1897. In February of that year he formed a partnership with J. W. Lawder in the tailoring business, which they carried on until the 1st of January, 1899, when Mr. Burke entered the Citizens Bank in a clerical capacity. The following August he and J. W. Orr purchased the interest of John Armstrong in that institution, and have since conducted it under the name of the Citizens Bank. The business of the bank has increased materially since Messrs. Burke and Orr took charge of its affairs, and is now recognized as one of the solid financial institutions of the county. They do a general banking and loan business, and the safe, conservative policy which they follow commends itself to the judgment of all.

On the 5th of September, 1892, Mr. Burke married Miss Stella Innes, of Urbana. Her father, John B. Innes, is a veteran of the Civil war, and has been for the last ten years foreman of the Besore lumber yard of Urbana. He has three children: Jennie, wife of George Douglas, of Urbana; Stella, wife of our subject; and Grace, wife of Charles Welch, of Urbana. Our subject and his wife have one child, John A., born September 6, 1898.

Socially Mr. Burke is a member of Triumph Lodge, No. 73, K. P., of Urbana, and Western Star Lodge, No. 140, F. & A. M., of Champaign; and religiously his wife is a member of the Baptist church of Urbana. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but he has never taken an active part in political affairs, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He is enterprising, progressive and public-spirited, and has become an important factor in the business circles of this county.

ALBERT T. HALL. For almost forty-five years this gentleman has been a resident of Champaign county, and during this long period, which covers nearly the whole span of the county's development from a primitive state to its present flourishing condition, he has been actively interested in its progress. A man of more than ordinary business and executive ability, he has met with excellent success in life, and is now practically living retired at his beautiful home in Champaign.

Mr. Hall was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1835, a son of Heman and Rachel (Bates) Hall, in whose family were five children, the others being Amanda L.; Lucy A., wife of Henry Hay; Electa E., wife of A. R. Hay; and Alma C., wife of Jesse Burt. Our sub-

ject's paternal grandfather Hall served all through the Revolutionary war and spent most of his life on a farm in Connecticut, but his last days were passed in Pennsylvania. His father was a Tory. The father of our subject was born in Litchfield county, Connecticut, and when a young man he went to Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, locating on the Susquehanna river. There he married Rachel Bates, also a native of Connecticut, who had removed to the Keystone state about the same time as her husband. He removed with his family to Waverly, Tioga county, New York, when our subject was about six years old, and there followed blacksmithing and hotel keeping. Later he lived in Ellistown, where he died in January, 1851. He was widely and favorably known and was called upon to fill a number of local offices of honor and trust. His wife and daughters came to Champaign with our subject in 1855, and here the former died in September, 1856, being the first person interred in Mt. Hope cemetery. Both parents were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, took an active part in church work, and the father served as class leader.

Albert T. Hall acquired the greater part of his education in the schools of Waverly, New York, and after his father's death was in the employ of the New York & Erie Railroad Company for a time. On the 22nd of December, 1855, he arrived in Champaign with his mother and four sisters, and the following spring purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Colfax township from the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Upon that place he turned the first furrow and made the first improvements. At that time the country was very swampy and almost as much water as land was in sight, while wolves, which still roamed at will over the prairies, made the night hideous by their howling. In the small house which he erected upon his place, Mr. Hall with his older and younger sisters lived quietly until the Civil war broke out.

Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted, in April, 1861, but his company, which became Company I, Second Illinois Cavalry, was not accepted until the following August, when it was mustered in as a three years' regiment. Mr. Hall went to the front as orderly sergeant, later was commissioned lieutenant and afterwards had command of his company, but his health failed and he was forced to resign in the spring of 1863. With his regiment he went to southern Illinois, and from there to Kentucky, Tennessee and down the Mississippi river. They were the first to occupy Columbus, Kentucky, after the evacuation. They participated in the hard fought engagement at Holly Springs, then proceeded to Memphis, and down the river to Milliken's Bend above Vicksburg, where they were stationed when our subject resigned. Returning to his home he resumed farming.

On the 29th of December, 1864, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Callie Gilbert, of Urbana, a daughter of Jonathan Gilbert, of Greenville, Ohio. She died in October, 1879, and of the five children born to them all died before her death with the exception of Winfield Bates Hall, now a member of the firm of Percival & Hall, of Champaign. Mr. Hall was again married, May 30, 1881, his second union being with Mrs. Almira Roberts, of Roberts, Illinois, a daughter of David Stateler, an old settler of

Marshall county, Illinois. By her first marriage she had one child, Charles J. Roberts, of Champaign.

In 1869, Mr. Hall removed to Champaign, where he first engaged in the fruit business near the University, and later engaged in the grocery business on the corner of Church and Neil streets with good success until 1881, when he sold out. During this time he lived on his fruit farm and managed both interests. On disposing of his store he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the firm of Franklin McVeagh & Company, Chicago, and remained with them for nine years, his territory including this section of the state. Subsequently he engaged in the shoe and furniture business on Main street, Champaign, for several years, and since 1894 has practically lived a retired life. However, he still continues to look after his real estate interests in Champaign and Chicago, and manages his farm. He laid out an addition in Champaign, known as the A. T. Hall addition, has improved the streets and erected houses. As a business man Mr. Hall ranks among the best in the city, and his sound judgment, unflagging enterprise and capable management have brought him a well-merited scccess. He is a member of Colonel Nodine Post, G. A. R., and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and attends and supports the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is a member.

EDWARD FOSTER, after an active career, is now living retired in a pleasant home in Urbana. Now, in his declining years, he is justly entitled to a cessation from toil, for he has manfully "borne the heat and burden of the day," and has unfalteringly performed his whole duty toward his brother men and the community in which his lot has been cast. A review of his past life will prove of interest to many of his friends, and will better perpetuate his memory, after he has been called to his reward, than would a monument, however grand.

Born in Warren county, Indiana, in 1833, Edward Foster is the eldest child of Zebulon and Caroline (Ostrander) Foster, who were natives of Ross and Pike counties, Ohio, respectively. The father, who was a farmer, removed to West Lebanon, Indiana, in 1833, and there continued to make his home until his death, in 1891, when he was eighty-two years old. For several terms he served as township trustee and in other local offices, and no one in his neighborhood was more highly regarded by all. Prominent in the Methodist Episcopal church, he labored zealously in the Christian cause, and for years officiated as steward and trustee. His wife, who preceded him to the better land, dying in 1872, when sixty years of age, was a daughter of Dr. Edward and Rachel Ostrander, natives of New York state. Four of the children born to Zebulon and Caroline Foster died in infancy. Rachel, widow of William B. Creider, formerly of Ross county, Ohio, resides in Onarga, Illinois. Eliza is the wife of George T. Bell, a lumber dealer of West Lebanon, Indiana. Mary is the widow of Marion Crawford, and lives in Dodge City, Kansas. William is engaged in the livery business at West Lebanon, Indiana. Harriet, Mrs. J. J. Fleming, is a resident of Watseka, Illinois.

After completing his education, Edward Foster assisted his father in the manage-



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ment of the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, when he located in Vermilion county, Illinois. From 1856 until 1868, when he resigned, he was the postmaster at Jordan, Vermilion county, giving entire satisfaction to the public. In the year last mentioned, he settled in Middle Fork township, near Potomac, in the same county, and remained there until he retired, in 1895. The year subsequent to his arrival in Middle Fork township, he was honored by appointment to the responsible post of school treasurer, and for twenty-seven years, or until he tendered his resignation, he was retained in the office. Few higher compliments to his recognized ability and sterling integrity could have been made by his neighbors, and no word of criticism ever was passed upon his transactions as a public official. He uses his franchise in favor of the Republican party.

The marriage of Mr. Foster and Sarah A. Tillotson was solemnized August 24, 1856. She is one of the eleven children of Ephraim Buel and Mary A. (Cronkhite) Tillotson, natives of New York state, though reared on farms in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio. The father went to Chicago when it was more commonly known as Fort Dearborn. For many years he resided in Warren county, Indiana, and there held the offices of justice of the peace and county commissioner for a long time, and doubtless would have been elected to the assembly, had he consented to run for the position, as his Republican friends urged. In 1856, he removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he had secured a warrant for a quarter-section of land. To the improvement and cultivation of this property he devoted the remainder of his life, which was terminated May 14, 1882, when he was in his seventy-first year. Both he and his faithful wife were prominent members of the Christian church, active in every good work, and beloved by all who knew them. She lived to be seventy-six years of age, her death occurring in 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster have seven living children, namely: Buel T., who is carrying on the old homestead in Vermilion county, and who married Mattie Lemay in February, 1899; they have one son, Woodford Lemay; E. M. Stanton, also a farmer of Vermilion county, and by whose marriage to Callie Wright he has five children, Hugh W., Samuel H., Flora, Minerva and George Dewey; Zebulon, who was graduated as a civil engineer in 1892, in the University of Illinois; he stood first in scholarship in the class of engineering of 1892; Mary A., wife of Mark Crays, a farmer of Vermilion county, and mother of Foster, George M., Chauncey D. and Bessie May; Edward, who carries on a farm in Vermilion county, is a graduate of the Quincy Business College, later was cashier of the Bank of Penfield, and engaged in merchandising in the same place, and by whose marriage to Catherine Cazier three children were born: Nellie, Mervin and an infant; Theodore, a graduate of the Quincy Business College; and William G., a member of the architectural engineering class of 1900, of the University of Illinois. All of the children, with the exception of the two elder ones, are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and E. M. Stanton, Theodore and Buel are identified with the Odd Fellows Society.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Foster are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both have been teachers in the Sunday-school, and Mr. Foster served

as steward, trustee, superintendent and class-leader of the church to which he belonged in Vermilion county, while in Urbana he is a teacher and class-leader. The home of the family is a model one in every respect, and everyone so fortunate as to come within its refined and elevating atmosphere is uplifted and ever bears the memory of it with him along his journey of life.

HENRY C. AHRENS, who is now living a retired life in Champaign, Illinois, was born in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, Germany, August 12, 1837, and is a son of John Henry and Marguerite (Kohler) Ahrens, natives of the same province. The father, who was born in 1801, was a sailor, and followed the sea for about twenty years. He died in Oldenburg, in 1870, and two years later his wife came to America with her daughter, spending her last days in this country. She died in New York City, in 1891, at the age of ninety years. They had seven children, but only two grew to maturity: Henry C., our subject; and Mattie Katherina, wife of Gottlieb Ellinghousen, a carpenter of Brooklyn, New York.

Our subject attended the public schools of his native land until fourteen years of age. In 1852, the same year the Great Eastern was launched, he went to sea as a sailor before the mast on a merchant vessel in the Baltic Sea, and has visited all the European ports on the Atlantic ocean, the Mediterranean, Black and Baltic Seas. In 1860 he entered the United States government service under Captain Lewis on the steamer Albany, running from New York City to Cape Hatteras and Newport, North Carolina, and during the Civil war when that vessel was used as a government transport he was one of her crew from 1861 to 1864. He then left the service and in 1865 secured a position in the wholesale house of George D. Bayand & Company, importers of liquors and cigars, at No. 19 Beaver street, New York City, and was employed by them as shipping clerk until 1874.

In the meantime Mr. Ahrens was married, in 1870, to Miss Katherina Elizabeth Laun, of Brooklyn, New York, who was born in Hesse-Nassau, Germany. Her father, Peter Laun, was a native of the same province and was a skilled mechanic, manufacturing chairs and fancy articles from willow, and also farming to a limited extent. He died when Mrs. Ahrens was a small child. To our subject and his wife were born six children, as follows: Henry A., who succeeded to his father's business at No. 49 Main street, Champaign, married Henrietta Horney, and has one child, Henry C. John Henry died at the age of six months and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. Rose is the wife of Emil F. Kruse, a furniture dealer of Tolono, Illinois, and they have one child, Bertha. Bertha, daughter of our subject, is at home with her parents. Annie W. F. is pursuing a literary course in the University at Champaign. One child died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Ahrens made his home in New York City until 1875, when he came to Urbana, Illinois, and was engaged in the saloon business there until 1879. That year he visited his sister in Jersey City, New Jersey, and also went to New York to consult a physician about his child that was ill. In 1880, however, he returned to this county and opened a saloon and wholesale liquor house in Champaign,

which he successfully conducted until 1898, when he sold out to August Lierman and has since lived retired. He owns a beautiful home at the corner of East University avenue and Third street, erected by him in 1893, and supplied with all modern conveniences, being heated with hot water, lighted by electricity and gas, supplied with hot and cold water, baths, etc.

Religiously Mr. Ahrens is a member of the German Evangelical church, and fraternally is a member of the Druids, Grove No. 45, of Champaign. In political sentiment he is a Republican, and, although he has always taken an active interest in politics and willing to do anything for the good of his party, he has never desired office, his time and attention being wholly occupied by his business affairs until the last two years. He came to this country in limited circumstances, and the prosperity which he now enjoys has been secured through his own unaided efforts and good business ability.

THOMAS W. McHUGH is one of the most respected citizens of Urbana, and his ability and entire trustworthiness have frequently been recognized by his acquaintances and friends, who have called upon him to officiate in local positions of responsibility.

He is a grandson of Jesse and Elizabeth (Whitaker) McHugh, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and is one of the ten children of William and Catherine (Stansbury) McHugh, who were natives of Virginia and New Jersey, respectively. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Ohio and later to Indiana, and the farm which he purchased there, in 1840, now is in the heart of the Adams county oil region. He died while on a visit to his son, Dr. McHugh, of Farmer City, Illinois, June 20, 1854, when in his fifty-second year. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were loved and honored by all who knew them.

Of their ten children, six have passed to the better land. Mary Ann, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Foster, who died November 6, 1899, aged eighty-six years. Dr. John McHugh, who died at the age of fifty-five years, in 1870, at Independence, Kansas, was a graduate of Rush Medical College, of Chicago, and for twenty years was engaged in practice in Farmer City, Clinton and Mahomet, Illinois, Waterloo, and Independence, Iowa. Arthur E., who was provost marshal at Fort Dodge, Iowa, for several years during the Civil war, died in Texas when fifty-five years of age. Catherine died in infancy. Elizabeth, widow of Emanuel Conkle, resides at Holt, Michigan. Susan, who was the wife of Ezekiel Rowlett, died when about forty-five years old. Dr. Charles Wesley is engaged in the practice of medicine in Sedan, Kansas. Rev. Henry B., also of Kansas, is a minister of the United Brethren church, and has served as a presiding elder. Lyman, the youngest, died at the age of seven years.

T. W. McHugh was born May 21, 1838, and, owing to the fact that he has not had the use of his limbs for about forty-six years, he received his education chiefly at home. He was gifted with an exceptionally keen mind, and in his early manhood he taught schools in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, meeting with success. In the meantime, he read law with private tutors, and later studied in the office of William D. Summers. In 1865 he was admitted to the bar of Cham-

paign county, and has continued in practice ever since. In 1868, he was elected justice of the peace, and at the expiration of each term of four years he has been re-elected to the office. He has married five hundred and twenty-six couples, and may boast that very few of the number have sought legal separation thereafter. For thirteen consecutive years he served as township collector, and in April, 1899, he was elected to the important post of city attorney. Politically, he is a Republican, and is proud of what the party has accomplished for the country during the days it has been in power.

Mr. McHugh and Lydia S. McKinney were married in Urbana, April 4, 1867. She is a daughter of John and Betsey McKinney, natives of New York and Canada, respectively. The father died in 1855, and the mother later became the wife of Daniel Davidson, whose death occurred about two years subsequently, in 1865. She afterward married William Gill, of Urbana, and both are deceased, Mrs. Gill dying in May, 1884, when sixty-two years of age. She was the mother of five children, of whom Mrs. McHugh, born November 29, 1845, was the eldest. Frances, the second, died in 1889, unmarried. Jennie is the wife of C. E. Mott, of Tazewell county, this state, and their children are Estella, Chester and Eva. James, twin brother of Jennie, is the fourth, and Caroline is the youngest of the McKinney family. Mr. and Mrs. McHugh have two children, namely: George B., an attorney, now living at Beaumont, Texas, and Edith, wife of Oloff Atkinson, of Rock Island, Illinois. George B. married Eleanor Pennock, of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. McHugh have two grandchildren, Lillian Fay and Marion Atkinson, aged five and two years, respectively. Religiously, our subject and wife are Universalists, and are members of the Urbana church.

MILTON H. MILLS, M. D., a prominent and successful homeopathic physician of Champaign, Illinois, was born in Niles, Ohio, February 18, 1846, a son of Simeon H. and Amanda (Muzzy) Mills. The father was born and reared in Canandaigua, New York, and there learned the miller's trade, which he subsequently followed in northern Ohio, removing to that state when a young man. He had charge of mills in Cleveland, Painsville, Niles, Grafton, New London, Youngstown and other places in Ohio, which he operated either on the shares, as a partner, or on a salary.

During his boyhood Dr. Mills pursued his studies in the common and high schools of Painsville, Ohio, and afterward worked for his father in the mill. He took a commercial course and then engaged in bookkeeping in Cleveland. Subsequently he entered the Cleveland Homeopathic College under Professor N. Schneider, and on completing the prescribed course at that institution was graduated in 1872. He first engaged in practice in Clarksfield, Ohio, and while there he was married, June 23, 1873, to Miss Sylvia Bradford, of Rochester, Ohio. They now have two children, Clara and Ethel.

On leaving Clarksfield, Dr. Mills removed to Attica, Ohio, where he engaged in general practice, and was also a member of the Ohio State Homeopathic Society. He finally sold out in 1887 and came to Champaign, Illinois, where his skill and ability

soon became widely recognized and he built up a good practice. Owing to the failing health of his parents, he returned to Ohio, in 1891, so that he might be near them, and was engaged in practice at Wellington, that state, until after their deaths. In 1898 he again came to Champaign and is to-day enjoying an excellent practice. He attends and supports the Congregational church, of which his wife is a faithful member, and he belongs to Wellington Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a dimitted chapter member. He is a pleasant, affable gentleman, and socially, as well as professionally, he is held in high esteem.

JAMES H. FINCH, M. D., one of the rising physicians and surgeons of Champaign, was born in Marietta, Ohio, December 19, 1870, a son of Alfred and Flora (Brown) Finch. The father was born in Ithaca, New York, of early New England ancestry, and when a young man removed to Marietta, Ohio. He was one of the early captains on the Ohio river, owning and running steamers down that stream and the Mississippi river to New Orleans during the '40s. He had several steamers and also a wharf boat engaged in the southern trade, and was one of the successful and prominent men engaged in that business for many years. Later he became interested in the oil business, and was one of the pioneers in developing the oil fields of Ohio. He died in 1879, at the age of sixty-eight years, honored and respected by all who knew him. The Doctor's mother, a native of Virginia, is still living.

Dr. Finch began his literary education in the common schools of his native city, and later attended Marietta College. Before leaving school he became interested in the transfer business, which he carried on at Marietta, in connection with a partner for two years, it becoming one of the important industries of the kind in the city. On selling out his business, he commenced reading medicine with Dr. J. B. Cotton, and attended his first course of lectures at Bellevua Medical College, New York. He was graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, with the class of 1895, in the meantime doing hospital work. In September, 1895, he opened an office in Champaign, and has since been alone in general practice at this place. He has a fine office in the Howard building, which was especially built and fitted up for physicians. He has been a member of the staff of the Julia F. Burnham Hospital since locating here, is secretary of the Twin City Clinical Association, and a member of the County and State Medical Societies.

GEORGE BESORE, a retired merchant and public-spirited citizen of Urbana, Champaign county, is a sterling descendant of Daniel Besore, a Huguenot, who emigrated from France to a German Province, later coming to America at an early period, and becoming a resident of Washington township, Franklin county, Pennsylvania. The homestead which he cleared near March Run is now in the possession of his step grandson, George B. Russell, D. D., and many of his descendants still are found in several townships in Franklin county, though the name is variously spelled, Basore, Bashor and Basehor. During the war of 1812 John, Michael and Jacob Besore fought in the ranks of the patriot

army, and participated in the defense of Washington. The family formerly was identified with the Reformed church.

The grandfather of our subject was John, son of the Daniel Besore above mentioned. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and, with his father, endured many of the privations and hardships common to the lot of the pioneer. He departed this life in 1850, when eighty-six years of age. Of his children, his namesake, John, was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and married Miss Mary Mowen, of the same state. The worthy couple passed to their reward many years ago, the father dying in 1862, when in his fifty-ninth year, and the mother dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Phenecie, of this county, in 1875, when in her sixty-fourth year.

George Besore, whose birth occurred in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1832, is the second of ten children. Jacob, the eldest, died in Kansas in 1897, aged about sixty-seven years. Joseph, the third son, died in Champaign county in 1898, when sixty-three years of age. Eliza, wife of Peter Hissong, resides in Nebraska. John and David, farmers, live in Champaign county. Margaret is the wife of William Phenecie, of this county. Samuel died December 24, 1899. Charles, of Urbana, is engaged in the lumber, coal and grain business. Mary is the wife of Leander Tompkins, a retired farmer, now of Rantoul, Illinois.

In his youth, George Besore attended the public schools of his native county and Washington county, Maryland. Until he was eighteen years of age he continued to assist his father in the work of the farm, and then turned his attention to the task of building barns. In time he became a thorough, practical carpenter, following that calling for several years, and then, for three years, engaged in millwrighting.

In 1856, Mr. Besore came to Illinois, and for two years lived in Paris, and for a like period was a citizen of Decatur, in both towns being occupied in building and contracting. From 1862 to 1865 he was employed as a millwright at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in 1866 he came to Urbana, where he has since made his home. For some time he was, as usual, engaged in contracting and building, after which he turned his attention to the lumber and grain business, with gratifying financial success. It was not until 1895 that he sold out his interests in this line to his brother Charles, and retired with a competency.

Three times has Mr. Besore served as a member of the Urbana city council, thoroughly meriting the trust which his townsmen reposed in him. He is in no wise a politician, and gives his allegiance to the nominee whom he believes best qualified to represent the people. Since the organization of the Urbana Building & Loan Association he has been one of its directors, and for ten or more years he has been one of the directors of the Free Library of that city. He is foremost in all local enterprises, and is confidently relied upon to use his means and influence in the promotion of worthy, progressive movements. For ten years he has been one of the trustees of the Presbyterian church of this place, while his parents were identified with the Reformed church.

The marriage of Mr. Besore and Emma J. Denton took place January 15, 1870. She is a daughter of John C. and Lucinda Denton, natives of Pennsylvania, but since 1856 residents of this county. To the union

of our subject and wife three children were born. Ida is the wife of T. A. Burt, county clerk of Champaign county. Their two children are named respectively: Josephine and George. Nellie is the wife of William Sears, of Rock Island, traveling salesman for a northern lumber company. Jessie, the youngest of the family, resides with her parents.

FRANK O. SALE, D. D. S., is one of the leading members of his profession in Champaign county, and in Urbana, his native place and present home, he stands especially high. But not alone in a business sense is he deserving of credit, for everything which tends to upbuild and benefit the town and his fellow citizens receives his earnest support.

Rev. John Sale, the paternal grandfather of the Doctor, a son of Anthony Sale, was a native of Virginia, and was a minister of the early Methodist Episcopal church in that state. At an early day he removed to Ohio, where he took a very active part in the organizing of the denomination, and, finally settling near Piqua, Miami county, served as presiding elder for many years, and was the founder of the first Methodist class in Cincinnati. His death occurred January 9, 1827. He had married Nancy, daughter of Frederick Bonner, of Virginia, and her death took place in Green county, Ohio, February 5, 1865. Her father had located in the Buckeye state in 1802 and became the owner of about two thousand acres of land situated in the "military tract." There he developed an excellent homestead and reared a number of children to lives of usefulness.

Rev. F. B. Sale, father of our subject, was born in Green county, Ohio, June 9, 1821, and during his early manhood was engaged in agriculture. In 1853 he came to Illinois, and in 1862 he enlisted in the defense of the Union, as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry. Bravely performing every duty that fell to his share, he was finally promoted to the place of captain, and in that capacity won fresh laurels. The untold hardships and exposure incident to army life made serious inroads upon his health and necessitated his resigning from the service, but he continued to act the part of a devoted patriot, and aided materially in securing recruits for the Federal forces. In 1866 he was ordained a deacon in the Methodist church at Bloomington, and that year was agent for the American Bible Society, traveling in several Illinois counties. In 1871 he was ordained as an elder by Bishop Scott, at Jacksonville, Illinois, and for many years thereafter he labored actively and efficiently as a minister of the Gospel. During his early residence in this state he was a member of the firm of Campbell, Ater & Sale, of Urbana, later located upon a farm in the northwestern part of this county, and since 1893 has been a resident of Fisher, Champaign county. On the 11th of October, 1899, he and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Maria Cramer, celebrated the fifty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. She is the daughter of Solomon and Keturah Cramer, of Green county, Ohio, and by her marriage she became the mother of eight children, namely: Willie G., Edwin Cramer, Charles E., John A., S. Bonner, Frank O., James P. and Fannie M., all of whom are living.

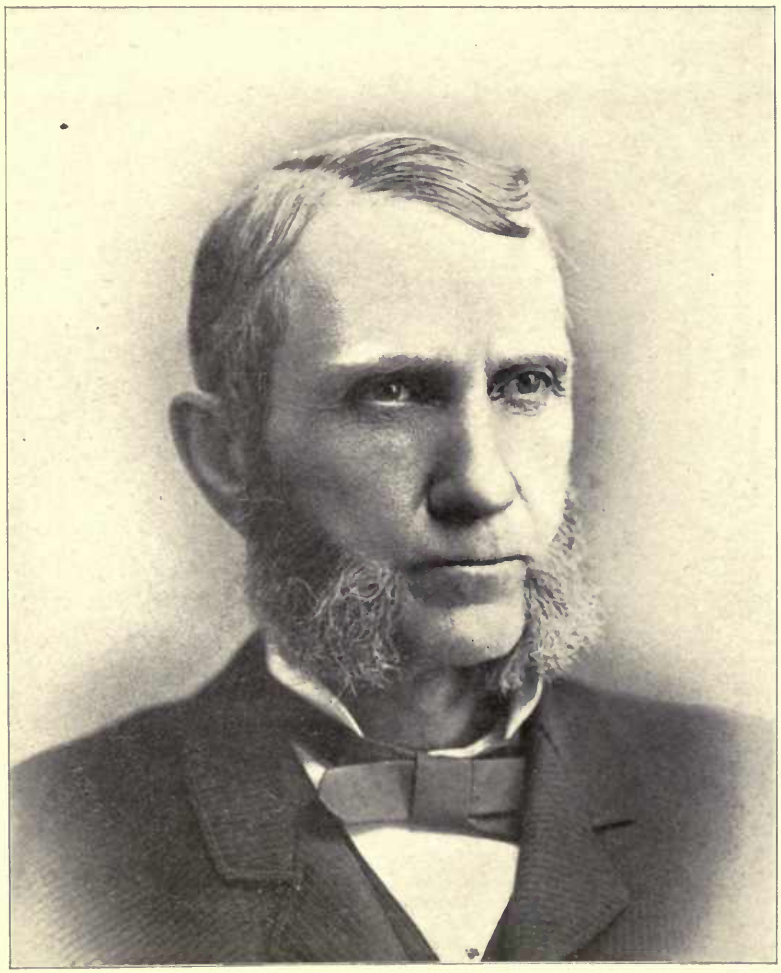
The birth of Dr. Frank O. Sale took place in Urbana, July 18, 1856. He was

reared to agriculture and pursued his elementary studies in the district schools. Later he taught for several years, meeting with success, and at length he commenced the study of dentistry under the tutelage of Dr. Briton, of Champaign. In 1880 he opened an office and began the practice of his chosen profession at Rantoul, where he remained for two years. Thence going to Huron, South Dakota, he was actively engaged in dental practice for twelve years, in the meantime rising to a high place in his chosen field of labor. For years he was an honored member of the State Dental Society, of which he was president, secretary and treasurer at different times. He also held the appointment of Governor Melette to a place on the state dentists' examining board for five years, and in all of these official capacities proved himself eminently efficient. A great student, he neglects no opportunity for self-improvement, particularly along the lines of dental science. Politically, he uses his franchise in favor of the Republican party.

The marriage of Dr. Sale and Lillie, daughter of Jesse and Rachel (Davison) Partlow, formerly residents of Vermilion county, Illinois, took place September 8, 1881. Her mother, who died in 1876, aged forty-nine years, and her father, whose death occurred August 22, 1898, were devout and life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her sisters, Mary, Ann, Jennie, Ida and Cora, and her brother Frank are married. Mrs. Sale was a successful teacher in the public schools of Potomac, Illinois, for several years prior to her marriage. The Doctor and wife are the parents of four children, namely: Edna M., a member of the senior class of the Urbana high school; Charlie Partlow; Dwight O., and Cora Virginia. They are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Doctor being a steward, and teacher in the Sunday school, while his wife also teaches and renders material assistance in the various departments of church enterprise. They are highly esteemed by all who know them, and their place in local society could not easily be filled.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FLYNN, deceased, was one of the honored pioneers of Urbana, and during most of his mature life was actively connected with journalistic and printing enterprises in eastern Illinois. He is well remembered and loved wherever he dwelt for any period, and the influence of his noble, high principled life is still felt by his old associates. When his country was in peril, and at all times, he failed not in his obligations as a citizen and devoted patriot, thus giving a worthy example to his children and acquaintances.

The birth of Mr. Flynn took place in Bainbridge, New York, August 25, 1828, and, as his father, Rufus Flynn, died when our subject was young, he was reared by his maternal grandparents, in Pennsylvania, and early learned some of the hard lessons of life. His father, a native of Dutchess county, New York, was of Irish descent, while his mother, Sylvia Ann (Owens) Flynn, was born in Bainbridge, and was of Welsh extraction. Their eldest son, Milton, like his historic namesake, permanently lost his eyesight and died when he was a young man. He left a widow, formerly a teacher. William, the next son, lived in the east at last accounts. Marcus, who reared several children, and was the



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proprietor of a flourishing summer resort in the mountains of the Keystone state, died many years ago. Mrs. Sylvia Flynn died in Chicago, on her way to the east, during the dread scourge of the early '50s, from cholera.

The subject of this review had very limited educational privileges, as he did not attend school after he was twelve years old, but by private study and observation he became well informed, and competent to cope successfully with the vital problems of life. In 1850, he came to the west, and at the end of two years he arrived in Urbana, where, for a short time, he worked on the construction of the Illinois railroad. Later he clerked in the grocery of Henry Russell, and in the fall of 1855 became a member of the firm of Cunningham & Flynn, publishers of the Urbana Gazette. Previous to his coming to the west he had mastered the printers' trade in newspaper offices in his native state and in Pennsylvania, and thenceforth he was to continue in this line of business. In August, 1858, he sold out to Mr. Crandall, and upon his return from the army in October, 1864, he became associated with a comrade, G. N. Richards, and again assumed the management of the Gazette, with which he was connected about eight years, George Scroggs being his partner for four years of this period. Selling out to that gentleman in 1872, Mr. Flynn turned his attention to a job printing and book bindery office here, and in 1874 this establishment was removed to Danville. Later it was merged into the Illinois Printing company, an extensive and prosperous enterprise, of which Mr. Flynn was made president and general manager, which offices he retained until his death. He abundantly proved his fine executive talent and capacity for handling important affairs, and year by year widened the circle of his friends and admirers in the business world.

A valued member of the Masonic order, Mr. Flynn belonged to the lodge, chapter and commandery, and in politics he was an ardent Republican. During the Civil war he was prompt to respond to the call of his country, and in August, 1861, was mustered into Company K, Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry. With his comrades he participated in some of the most brilliant campaigns of the war, and, among others, was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Perrysville, Stone River, Peach Tree Creek, Chickamauga, siege of Corinth. During the three years of his heroic service, he was ever found at the post of duty, save once, when the battle of Mission Ridge was in progress, and, on account of severe illness, he was confined in the hospital. He was second lieutenant of his company, and much of the time served as major or upon the staff of the brigade commander.

Mr. Flynn first wedded Miss Tennessee Jarvis, November 16, 1854. She was born October 17, 1835, a daughter of Daniel Jarvis, of North Carolina, who removed to Urbana with his family some years prior to Mrs. Flynn's marriage. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, Carrie I., January 29, 1856, and Lenna A., February 23, 1858. Carrie, who was a successful teacher at State Line, died September 27, 1881, and Lenna departed this life June 3, 1872. The mother was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and died, strong in her faith, March 16, 1858.

On the 11th of September, 1859, Mr. Flynn married Berilla Garrott, daughter of Eli and Miranda (Holland) Garrott, both of whom were natives of Mt. Sterling, Ken-

tucky. They were married in Greencastle, Indiana, and Mrs. Flynn was born in Bambridge, Indiana, August 30, 1837. Mr. Garrott, who was a shoemaker by trade, removed to Urbana about 1858, and later, he located in Mahomet, Illinois. His first wife died when about forty-one years of age, and he subsequently married a widow, whose maiden name was Wren. He survived this wife, and died in the summer of 1895. Mrs. Flynn's mother was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while her father was a Presbyterian. She is one of eleven children, the others being named as follows: Josephine, who was a teacher and died in her twenty-second year; Melissa married James Ralston, a Missouri farmer; Almazy, deceased, wife of James Smith; William W., who married Nettie Braden and resides in Frankfort, Indiana; Charles M., whose wife, formerly a Miss Quinn, is deceased, and who resides in Joplin, Missouri; Cynthia A., who died at the age of seventeen years, in 1859; John Q., a widower, living in Indiana; Edwin, who died at the age of thirty-two, and left three children; Louisa, wife of Frank Ingalls, employed in the Big Four shops in Urbana; and Holland, who died when six years old.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Flynn six children were born. Jessie B., the eldest, is the wife of George Goff, general manager of the St. Paul offices of the Washington Life Insurance Company. Their two children are Helen B. and Royal R. Nora R. married George Haas, editor of the Fisher (Illinois) Reporter. Their two children are named respectively, Harold and Lelia. Charles M., who lives with his widowed mother, is employed by the Big Four Railroad Company, and J. Carl also is at home. Lennie L. married Frank Lietz, of Carlisle, Illinois, and their children are named Helen and Florence. George Richards, the fourth child of Mrs. Flynn, was born December 31, 1873, and died February 1, 1875. The devoted husband and father was called to the better land August 11, 1888. Mrs. Flynn, who is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, has nobly performed her duty as a wife and mother, and tenderly cared for her husband's helpless little ones when she entered his home more than two-score years ago as his companion and helpmate on life's highway.

ALANSON P. TUCKER, a successful and popular dentist of Champaign, Illinois, is a native of this county, born in Urbana, August 16, 1859, and is a representative of an old colonial family, tracing his ancestry back to Daniel Tucker and his son St. George. William Tucker, a grandson of the latter and the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia and and a pioneer of Otsego county, New York, locating there soon after the Revolutionary war in the days made famous by J. Fennimore Cooper's Leather Stocking Tales. As a soldier of the Continental army he aided the colonies in achieving their independence, and his son Alanson, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier of the war of 1812 and was wounded in the battle of Put-in-Bay, Sandusky, Ohio. The latter was probably born in Cherry Valley, New York, and from there removed to Ithaca. In 1832 the family went to Milan, Huron county, Ohio, where he died from the effects of his wounds. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Louis Perry, was a daughter of John Perry and also a representative of an

old colonial family. Both she and her husband were highly educated and successfully engaged in teaching school in early life.

Alanson Tucker, the Doctor's father, was born in Ithaca, New York, January 27, 1827, and in 1832 accompanied the family on their removal to Milan, Ohio, where he attended school for a time. Later he was given a university education, either at Oberlin or Miami, Ohio. He was adopted by Rev. Mr. Gregory, a missionary to the Winnebago Indians at Green Bay, Wisconsin, being appointed agent or teacher by the government, and there Mr. Tucker spent much of his early life. Coming to Urbana, Illinois, in 1854, he was the first to embark in the manufacture of brick in this county, and after his removal to Mahomet, in 1861, he continued to engage in that business until his death, which occurred December 31, 1875. He was a strong Republican and Abolitionist, and during the Civil war served as justice of the peace, in which capacity he tried many exciting cases growing out of that struggle. Three times he tried to enter the Union army but was always rejected on account of near-sightedness. In 1855, he married Miss Susan C. Slater, who was born in Hughesville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1831, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Shick) Slater, the former of English, the latter of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction. Her paternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth (Wert) Slater, and the former was a son of Peter Slater, who with his brother Jacob came to the United States at an early day, and were the first manufacturers of cotton goods in this country. William Slater, Mrs. Tucker's grandfather, was a captain in the United States navy during the Revolutionary war, and was under the command of Paul Jones. He was a nephew of "Fighting" Tom Curtis, a staff officer of General Washington. He settled in Stanton, New Jersey, where his son, Peter Slater, was born December 12, 1866. The latter was a cooper by trade, but spent his last years in retirement from active labor. In 1854 he came to Champaign county and located in Urbana, but died in Champaign April 12, 1898. Mrs. Tucker came with her father to this county. She is still living and now makes her home with her two youngest sons, George and Leonard, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Her oldest son, Horace, is a druggist of Grand Island, that state, a member of the firm of Horace Tucker & Company.

Dr. Alanson P. Tucker, who completes this family, attended the common and high schools of Mahomet, and in 1879 entered the office of Dr. O. F. Britton, a dentist of Champaign, with whom he studied until February 1, 1882, when he passed the examination of the state board and became a registered dentist. For the first four years he engaged in practice in Ponca, Dixon county, Nebraska, but at the end of that time he returned to Champaign, which has since been his home and field of operation. His office is now located at No. 6 Main street. From the start he has enjoyed a large and successful practice, and although a comparatively young man, he is the oldest practitioner in years of service in the city.

On the 7th of June, 1893, Dr. Tucker was united in marriage with Miss Samie S. Allison, a daughter of Samuel Allison, who was a soldier of the Civil war and died shortly before her birth. She was born in Urbana, but after the death of her parents made her home with her sister, Mrs. T. S. Fitch, in Havana, Illinois. The Doctor

and his wife have a pleasant home at No. 902 West Church street, where they delight in entertaining their many friends.

WILLIAM H. ROUGHTON, the efficient chief of police of Urbana, is a native of Champaign county, his birth having occurred June 3, 1858. He has ever been intensely interested in whatever has tended to promote the welfare of this section, and, in his various official positions, has won the good opinion of the public by his sterling integrity and adherence to duty.

His father, Samuel Roughton, also well known in this city, was born in Derbyshire, England, November 10, 1836, a son of Jairus and Ann Roughton. Jairus Roughton, who was an engineer and foreman in extensive collieries, was killed accidentally by a fly-wheel, when attending to his usual duties. About four years subsequent to that sad event, the mother, with her seven children, sailed for the United States, and on the voyage the ship encountered severe storms which it seemed would engulf the frail vessel. The mother died in 1889, when about seventy years of age, and only two of her children survive, namely: Samuel and John, the latter being a blacksmith and farmer of Rantoul, this county. The family spent about one year in Jackson county, Ohio, but since 1855 Samuel Roughton has resided in Illinois. Before and after coming to this country, he was employed in coal-mines for some years, but, in 1885, he and two of his brothers engaged in running a sawmill, and were thus occupied for several years. Since 1865, he has held the position of stationary engineer at the Urbana flouring mill, and is one of the most reliable employes of the company. Both he and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Gibbons, are members of the Universalist church. She was born in August, 1838, a daughter of Robert and Mary Gibbons, of England.

William H. Roughton is the eldest child of Samuel and Elizabeth Roughton. The second, Spencer, died at the age of a year and a half. Mary is the wife of George Toy, of Sidney, Illinois, and their children are: Cora, Leta, John, Toy and Helen. Samuel, a car-repairer, resides in Urbana. He married Hettie Mead, and has two children, Harold and Sylvia. Stokeley, who wedded Emma Hatch, and lives in this place, is a car-repairer, also. Nora, wife of Frank Toy, of this city, has three children: Bessie, Lyle and Edna.

After completing his education, W. H. Roughton worked with his father in the mill for some time, and then accepted a position as turnkey, under Sheriff J. E. Oldham, and later, under Sheriff J. C. Ware, of Champaign, and the late P. E. Burke. Afterwards, he became superintendent of the county poor farm, by appointment of the board of supervisors, and for two years ably conducted the affairs of that institution. He next became fireman on the Big Four railroad, and for a short time was conductor on a street car line. Mayor Fox, who then was acting as sheriff, offered our subject a place as deputy, and for the ensuing six years he continued as such, four years of this period under D. D. Cannon. The name of Mr. Roughton then came before the Republican convention of this county, in 1898, but the present incumbent, Ernst Lorenze, was the successful candidate. Our subject next served as special watchman in the shops of the Big Four until he entered upon

the duties of his present responsible office, May 15, 1899. Strict attention to the least, as well as to the greatest of his duties, characterizes all of his actions, and universal commendation is bestowed upon him.

Fraternally, he stands high in several prominent societies. He is a member of Urbana Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 87, R. A. M.; and Urbana Council and Commandery, No. 16, K. T. In the blue lodge he is senior warden and in the commandery holds the office of captain general. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, of which his wife is now the associate matron. In 1900 he is to represent the Subordinate lodge of the Knights of Pythias in the Grand lodge of the state, which is to convene at Danville, Illinois. Besides, he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Court of Honor.

The marriage of Mr. Roughton and Myra, daughter of Mrs. Howard Carver, of Auburn, Indiana, was solemnized May 11, 1883. Mrs. Roughton, whose birth took place in the Buckeye state, is a lady of excellent education and social attainments. Two daughters bless the home of our subject and wife, namely: Ethel, who is a student in the Urbana high school, and Nellie, who is attending the grammar school.

GEORGE SKINNER, who is living retired at his pleasant home on West Green street, Urbana, is enjoying a competence to which he is well entitled, as during several decades he labored unceasingly, and with excellent business judgment, to amass sufficient means for his declining years. He is still in the prime of manhood, thoroughly active and interested in everything along the lines of progress, and ready to perform his share towards the improvement of his age and community.

The birth of George Skinner took place in Somersetshire, England, January 29, 1850, his parents being Robert and Anna (Rich) Skinner. They emigrated to America in 1854, with their eight children, and for eight years resided at Elk Grove, a place twenty miles northwest of Chicago. In 1862, the father removed to Shelby county, Illinois, and about four years later settled on a farm south of Homer, Champaign county. Soon after his arrival in this country he met with an accident which thenceforth rendered him a cripple, but this misfortune he bore bravely, and all who knew him loved and honored him for his sterling qualities. His parents, John and Elizabeth Skinner, were land-holders in England. He was born May 7, 1801, and died May 23, 1883.

The first marriage of Robert Skinner was to Miriam, daughter of William and Miriam Rich, well-to-do farmers of England. After the death of his first wife, who bore him six children, Mr. Skinner wedded her sister, Anna, by whom he had four children. Mary, the eldest of the family, and her husband, Frederick Moore, and their only child, are deceased. Mr. Moore was the owner of the land on which Mount Clare now stands, and sold seventy-five acres for twenty-three thousand dollars. Mrs. Sarah A. Cureton, the second child of Robert Skinner, lives in England. William, formerly an extensive farmer of Arcola, Illinois, now lives in South Dakota. He married Julia Higgins, and all of their ten children live near them. They are named as follows: Ella, Walter, Frank, George, Fannie, Mamie, Edith, William,

Angie and Fred. Anna, wife of Thomas Vellum, of South Dakota, has four children, Edward, deceased, Thomas, Edith and Nellie. James, a thrifty farmer near Arcola, married Ann Cheney, and their two sons are named Samuel and William. Elizabeth, Mrs. George Sylvester, of Chicago, lost her only child, Ella. Amelia, who married William Hatfield, of Paris, Illinois, died leaving five children, May, Myrtle, Elsie, Ella and Chester. Rhoda, widow of John Junkens, has one son, Alvah. George is the next in order of birth. Henry, who wedded Charlotte Spencer, lives on a farm south of Homer. Mrs. Anna Skinner, who was born July 14, 1814, died March 25, 1883. She was a noble Christian woman, beloved by everybody, and for years an active member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Skinner was an upright, conscientious man, but, on account of his crippled condition, he was not able to attend church.

Reared upon his father's farm, George Skinner early became an experienced agriculturist, and with his brother Henry assumed the management of the homestead. In 1893 the estate was divided, Henry taking one hundred and eighty acres and a sum of money, and later adding a quarter-section of land to his original tract, while George received two hundred and four acres. Being progressive in his methods, he made substantial improvements upon his property, laid miles of drainage tiles, and constructed ditches, so that his farm soon became known as one of the best equipped in this direction in the county. Year by year he added to the value of his place by judicious expenditure and care, and, though he now leases it to tenants, he maintains a watchful supervision over the whole. For twelve years he served his community as a school trustee and as a road commissioner, and for three years was a supervisor of Ayers township, which office he held at the time of his coming to Urbana to live, in 1893. Here he purchased several good building lots and a comfortable residence on Green street. Like his father before him, he is a stanch Republican. In all of his relations with men, he has been actuated by strict integrity and fairness, and none know him save to highly esteem him.

On the 29th of December, 1887, Mr. Skinner and Mary E. Havard were united in marriage. Her father, William R. Havard, a native of Wales, wedded Rachel Jones in that country, in 1856. The parents of William R. were John Havard, born April 10, 1792, in Wales, and Jennette (Griffith) Havard, born June 20, 1794. William R. Havard was born March 25, 1829, and died November 16, 1899. Soon after his marriage he came to this country, and, after five years residence north of Homer, in Vermilion county, Illinois, removed across the line into this county. For three decades he continued to dwell upon a farm situated in Homer township, three miles south of the town of that name, and for six years prior to his death he made his home in Urbana. Subsequent to his arrival in Illinois, he became an active member of the Christian church, and for years was an officer and elder. His eldest son, John W., born in January, 1857, and unmarried, belonged to the Christian church, and died in that faith in July, 1881. Sarah Alice married M. F. Colwell, in March, 1878, resides near Everly, Iowa, and is the mother of five children: Wilbur, Cora, Nellie, Mary and Frank. Seth A. died at the age of four years, in 1864. Elon R. married Olive, daughter of L. Houser, of Ur-

bana, May 1, 1889, and their children are named Rachel and Houser. Albert H., unmarried, is carrying on a part of the old homestead. M. Jennie, formerly a favorably known music teacher of Urbana, became the wife of A. R. Mann, of Pullman, Illinois, in December, 1898. Oliver D., unmarried, is employed as an electrician in St. Louis.

George Skinner joined the Methodist Episcopal church a number of years ago, attending Ames Chapel, near his home farm, and for some time served as steward and trustee there. He now, with his wife, belongs to the First Methodist church of Urbana, and is acting on the official board. The causes of religion, education and benevolence find in him a true friend, and those whom he has quietly aided when in need are legion. His record is one of which he has reason to be proud, and it should be held up as an example for the rising generation.

AUGUST C. SINGBUSCH. A brilliant example of a self-made American citizen and a grand exemplification of the progress that an ambitious foreigner can make in this country of unbounded opportunities, is shown in the case of Mr. Singbusch, senior member of the firm of Singbusch & Stoltey, leading grocers of Champaign. His remarkable success is due to his own energy and the high ideal which his lofty and laudable ambition placed before him. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering effort, characteristics that he possesses in an eminent degree.

Mr. Singbusch was born in Germany, September 7, 1857, a son of Christ and Carolina (Krueger) Singbusch, who, with their family, crossed the broad Atlantic in 1867, and took up their residence in Champaign, Illinois, where the father still lives. The mother died in 1892. He is a member of the German Evangelical church, to which she also belonged.

Our subject acquired his education in the schools of Champaign and began his business career as a clerk for Burnette & Company, dealers in leather and hides, with whom he remained two years, acquiring an excellent knowledge of business methods. At the end of that time he bought out H. D. Stoltey, who was then engaged in the grocery business where our subject is still located at No. 105 East University avenue. His store at first was quite small but during the ten years that followed, his business had grown so rapidly that he was obliged to double his floor space by taking in No. 107, thus making one of the largest grocery houses in the city. He was alone in business until 1890, when he formed a partnership with W. H. Stoltey, and the firm became Singbusch & Stoltey as it now stands. From the first he handled some queensware, to which he has kept adding until he now carries a large and well selected stock of valuable wares, as well as a fine line of staple and fancy groceries. The trade of the store has so increased that employment is now furnished seven people. This large and prosperous business has been built up by Mr. Singbusch in the last twenty years, and for the success that he has achieved he deserves great credit, for it is due entirely to his own perseverance, energy and good management. He now owns the building which he occupies, and which is forty feet front and sixty feet deep, all of which is devoted to his business.

In July, 1880, Mr. Singbusch was united

in marriage with Miss Anna Wascher, of Champaign, who was also born in Germany, and came to this country when a small child. They have two children, Arthur C., aged seventeen years, who is attending the high school of Champaign; and Elsa, who is also pursuing her studies there. The family have a pleasant home at No. 127 East University avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Singbusch are both members of the German Evangelical church, and he has held all of the official positions connected therewith and is one of its liberal supporters.

Since casting his first presidential vote, Mr. Singbusch has been identified with the Republican party, and was a member of the county and township executive committees during the McKinley campaign of 1896. About ten years ago he was first elected alderman from his ward and while in that office the city building was erected and considerable street paving done. Subsequently he was elected city treasurer and held that office for two years, during which time large funds passed through his hands. For four years he has also been township collector, and is still filling that position with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him and well merits the confidence and trust so freely accorded him.

ELIAS RUSSELL, deceased. For several decades this worthy citizen of Champaign county was associated with its development and success, and his name and memory are held in reverent honor by the hosts of sincere friends who were endeared to him by his noble qualities. From time to time he was chosen to fill responsible local offices and in every instance discharged his duties in a highly commendable manner. Uprightness and justice actuated him in all of his business transactions, and a high sense of honor was shown in his treatment of everyone. To his family he has left the heritage of an unblemished name and the memory of a life worthily lived.

Elias Russell was one of the six children of Joseph A. and Jemima (Eckhart) Russell, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Germany. The Russells were an old and honored family in the Old Dominion, while the Eckharts were prominent in the early history of Ohio. When he was a boy, Joseph A. Russell removed with his parents to the Buckeye state, and there grew to manhood. Soon after his marriage he removed from Pickaway to Fairfield county, Ohio, and thenceforth devoted himself to agriculture. He died in 1881 at an advanced age, and his widow survived until about 1894, when she was eighty-seven years of age. Of their children, Elizabeth became the wife of Daniel Stump, a farmer of Shelby county, Illinois: Maria, wife of William Stump, lives near the old Fairfield county homestead; Mary married Wilkerson Clark, of Hancock county, and Sarah became the wife of Calvin Foor, and lives on a farm near Villisca, Iowa.

In his boyhood, Elias Russell attended the common schools in Ohio, and learned the various details pertaining to agriculture. In 1860 he came to Illinois, and, after spending about a year in Shelby county, came to Champaign county. His homestead comprised eighty acres of land in St. Joseph township, and many substantial improvements were placed upon the farm by him, thus greatly increasing its value and desirability.



ELIAS RUSSELL.

Industry and perseverance in all his undertakings brought Mr. Russell well deserved success, and the respect of all who knew him. He served as school trustee and treasurer of Stanton township, and was commissioner of highways for some time in St. Joseph township, besides being supervisor for six or more years, and town clerk for several years. He was an active and zealous Republican, taking great interest in the success of the party. In his religious views he was what is termed liberal, as he did not identify himself with any church, yet he was moral and conscientious, being a lover of God and humanity, and striving ever to perform his whole duty. His honesty was above question and his kindliness and liberality toward the poor and unfortunate made his name a household word in many a home and heart. He was summoned to the better land February 1, 1891.

The marriage of Elias Russell and Nancy M. Whitzel was solemnized September 4, 1860. She was a daughter of Thomas and Effie (Drake) Whitzel, of Fairfield county, Ohio. They were originally from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and were pioneers in Fairfield county. The mother died in 1846, aged forty-six years, and the father came to Champaign county, in 1866, and died in Somers township, April 12, 1871. Of their nine children, three have passed to the silent land. Zephaniah married Jane Beatty, and had five children, three of whom survive, namely: Effie, John and Viola. The parents are deceased. Jesse, who resides in Nebraska, married Hannah Wimp, and their eight children are, Thomas, Hosea, Ellen, Hattie, Jesse, Maggie, Eddie and Luther. Mary, who became the wife of Frederick Frankinburg, and lives in Staunton township, is the mother of four children, Thomas, Ervin, Alvin and Emma. Ervin, who lives in this county, wedded Mary Cross, and their children are: Effie, Jesse, Mary and Elmer. Catherine is the wife of Henry Free.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Russell was blessed with one son, Frank, who was a very promising and energetic business man, respected by those who had known him from his early years. He married Vida Full, who died in 1892, when about twenty-six years old. They had two children, Ray, who is attending school, and Vera, whose death occurred when she was fifteen months old. Frank Russell was summoned to the silent land December 12, 1897, and thus the devoted wife and mother is left alone, with only her grandson to cheer and comfort her in her declining years.

STRAUT W. SHURTZ, M. D., a successful and popular physician of Champaign, has a somewhat remarkable record, and from the study of his life history one may learn valuable lessons. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's life. Depending upon his own resources, looking for no outside aid or support, Dr. Shurtz has made his way in the world and is to-day one of the most able physicians and surgeons of Champaign.

He was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, June 21, 1867, a son of Watson M. and Malinda M. (Asher) Shurtz. His father

was born in what is now South Lebanon, Hamilton county, Ohio, January 8, 1818, and is a son of John and Sarah (Von Leiter) Shurtz, both of whom were born in New Jersey, of German descent, and were reared and married in that state, their ancestors being among the pioneer settlers near Trenton. Our subject's paternal grandfather, John Shurtz, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and took part in the battle of New Orleans under General Jackson. At an early day he removed to what is now South Lebanon, Ohio, and the brick house which he erected there about ninety years ago, is still standing. He made a business of buying produce, which he loaded on flat boats and floated down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, where it was sold. He would then walk back to his home in South Lebanon. He also devoted a portion of his time to the improvement and cultivation of his farm. He died there about 1830 when comparatively a young man.

Watson M. Shurtz, the Doctor's father, was educated in the school of South Lebanon, Ohio, and remained on the home farm until attaining his majority. In 1841 he came to Delevan, Tazewell county, Illinois, passing through Champaign on his way to that place. There he owned land and engaged in farming for some time. He was married in Tazewell county, in 1862, to Miss Malinda M. Asher, who was born in White county, Illinois, where her father, Watson Asher, died, and later with her mother and the other children of the family she removed to Tazewell county. Her mother bore the maiden name of Sarah Mickle. On disposing of his property in Tazewell county, Watson M. Shurtz came to Champaign county and purchased a farm in Rantoul township which he operated for some years, but now makes his home in Champaign. He is a supporter of the Republican party, and his wife is a member of the Christian church. In their family are three children: Mary J., wife of F. D. Erskine, state grain inspector at Chicago; Straut W., our subject; and Richard E., who is mentioned below.

Dr. Shurtz, whose name introduces this review, was two years old when the family removed to this county, and his early education was obtained in the common country schools and the Rantoul high school. His father had met with reverses in business when the Doctor was about nine years old, and he and his brother had to begin the battle of life for themselves at an early age. For three years prior to attaining his eighteenth year, our subject taught school in the county and for one year of that time read medicine with Dr. J. C. Harmon, of Rantoul, driving each morning five miles to his school and returning at night that he might spend the evening in study. For one year he was a student in the scientific department of the University of Illinois, Champaign, and then entered Rush Medical College, where he pursued a three years' course. During two years of that time he was night nurse in St. Joseph Hospital on the north side. After being on duty from six P. M. to six A. M., he would sleep about an hour and then return to the college on the west side. In this way he worked his way through that institution and was graduated in 1893. He first located in Fisher, Champaign county, and soon built up an excellent practice, which extended into the country for many miles, so that he was on the road much of the time both day and night. Although this proved quite lucrative, he believed a broader field of labor could be found

in a larger place, and in the summer of 1899 he joined his brother in practice at Champaign, where much advantage is to be derived from hospital work. He is engaged in the general practice of medicine and also does considerable surgery, performing many successful operations for appendicitis. Financially he has prospered, and now owns a nice home in the city and other property which he rents.

On the 23d of August, 1894, Dr. Shurtz was united in marriage with Miss May Gooding, a daughter of Rev. William Gooding, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Conference whose home is now in Bloomington. There Mrs. Shurtz successfully engaged in teaching school prior to her marriage, and was quite prominent in musical circles. The Doctor and his wife have two children: Charles Richard, aged four years; and William Gooding, aged two. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Dr. Shurtz is also an active and prominent member of the County Medical Society, of which he has been vice-president and is now its censor. In manner he is pleasant and cordial, which, combined with his sterling worth, makes him very popular with his friends and associates.

Richard E. Shurtz, M. D., the younger son of Watson M. and Malinda M. (Asher) Shurtz, was born on a farm near Rantoul, September 26, 1870, and attended the common and high schools of that place. At the age of seventeen he commenced teaching, and followed that profession for two years, after which he was a student in the University of Illinois for one year. For about three years he read medicine under the direction of Professor A. C. Cotton, of Chicago, and during that time worked for the Armour Company. He then matriculated at Rush Medical College, where he attended lectures during the winter, pursuing the regular three-years' course, while through the summer months he was in the employ of the Armour Company. He was also connected with one of the hospitals for a time, and was graduated with the class of 1897. For the following sixteen months he was successfully engaged in practice in Gifford, this county, and at the end of that time came to Champaign, where he formed a partnership with his brother. They are already meeting with excellent success in their new field of labor, enjoying a large and constantly increasing practice. Success in their profession comes through merit alone, and the high position which they have already attained attests their superiority. The junior member of the firm is also a member of the County Medical Society. He was married June 8, 1892, to Miss Nellie Turner, of Champaign, a daughter of Hezekiah Turner. They have two children living, Malinda and Mary. Religiously the Doctor and his wife hold membership in the Christian church.

WALTER W. LINDLEY, one of the native sons of Urbana, and the presest efficient and popular postmaster of this flourishing place, has won the commendation of the public during the many years of his official service, by his reliability, strict adherence to duty and uniform courtesy.

His father, Dr. Mahlon Lindley, was one of the early physicians of Urbana, and few have been engaged in practice in this county for a longer period. Both he and his first wife, the mother of our subject, were natives of Mansfield, Ohio. She bore

the name of Salome M. Myers in her girlhood, and her death took place upon the anniversary of her birth. She was a devoted wife, mother and friend, and was loyal in her relations to the Presbyterian church. For a second wife, Dr. Lindley chose Clara Robinet, and they still reside in this city, where they are deservedly respected.

Walter W. Lindley, whose birth occurred October 20, 1860, is one of the six children of Dr. Mahlon and Salome Lindley. The eldest-born, Austin M., pursued a special course in chemistry in the University of Illinois, later was graduated in the Cincinnati Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and is now a successful physician and surgeon, and is surgeon for the Big Four Railroad at Urbana. Almeda is the wife of M. S. Parks, and Grace married Stanley F. Boggs, who is engaged in the real estate business in Chicago. Elmer Ellsworth is the private secretary of the general freight agent of the Great Northern Railway, at Saint Paul. Dr. Mahlon, who graduated in the Chicago College of Dentistry, in the class of 1896, is now practicing his profession in Alton, Illinois.

In his youth, W. W. Lindley attended the Urbana schools, where he completed the high school course, and later went to Quincy, there being graduated in the Gem City Business College. He returned home to cast his first presidential vote for Garfield, and soon afterwards became assistant in the postoffice, with George W. Curtis, who is grand commander of the Knights Templar. Later, he was given a position as deputy county clerk, under J. S. McCullough, the present state auditor, and served four years to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

When President Harrison became the chief executive, Mr. Lindley was appointed to the position of postmaster of Urbana, then belonging to the third class, but which is now a second class postoffice. After serving the public in this position for four years, he resigned, owing to the election of a Democratic president, and became president and manager of the Urbana Brick Company, which transacted a thriving business, as much of the paving of the city streets was carried out about that period, and supplies were purchased largely from the concern with which he was associated. President McKinley appointed Mr. Lindley to the postmastership, June 1, 1897, and, needless to say, he has lived up to his former reputation of being one of the most systematic, painstaking officials the city has ever had.

On the 27th of September, 1882, Mr. Lindley married Anna M. Konantz, a native of Quincy, Illinois, and daughter of Paul and Wilhelmina Konantz, both deceased. Of her eleven brothers and sisters, Frank, E. A., and Dick are members of the Konantz Saddlery Company, of St. Paul—the largest concern of the kind in the west. Frank served as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion for several years, nobly performing his duty toward his country. He pursued a course of dentistry, and was graduated with a degree, but turned his attention to the more profitable business in which he now is engaged. Another brother of Mrs. Lindley, William H., is a dealer in harness at Quincy, Illinois. Minnie married Myron D. Smith, of Chicago, and Hattie is the wife of Joseph Ripley, of Oak Park, Illinois. He is engaged in railroading, and his brother, Ed. Ripley, is noted as one of the leading railway men of the west. John P. resides at Ithaca, New York. Lizzie is unmarried.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lindley two children were born, namely: Jessie Salome, who is a

student in the high school and who possesses recognized ability as a musician. Etheldred Frank also has a natural gift for music and is pursuing a course in that branch in the university. Mrs. Lindley is a member of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally, Mr. Lindley is a Mason, identified with Urbana Lodge, No. 157; Urbana Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M.; and Commandery No. 16, K. T., in which lodges he has held several offices. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is exceedingly popular in each of the organizations.

J A. RICHARDS. The prosperity of any community depends upon its business activity and the enterprise manifest in commercial circles is the foundation upon which is builded the material welfare of town, state and nation. The most important factors in public life at the present day are therefore man who are in control of successful business interests and such a one is Mr. Richards, the present alderman from the first ward of Champaign, and one of the leading grocers of the city.

He was born in Le Roy, McLean county, Illinois, August 21, 1854, a son of the Rev. Jesse and Mary J. (Gist) Richards. The father was a native of Maryland, and a son of Stephen Richards, who was also born in that state and was a representative of an old colonial family. The latter was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war. At an early day he removed to Dark county, Ohio, where he took up a tract of government land, and there spent his remaining days. It was in that county that the father of our subject grew to manhood and married, his wife being born there of Scotch ancestry. In 1843, with his family, consisting of wife and four children, he removed to McLean county, Illinois, and became one of its pioneer settlers. He purchased a section of land four miles west of Le Roy at the government price of one dollar and a quarter per acre, and continued to reside thereon until he had broken and improved about half of the place, when he located in the village of Le Roy. On the opening up of Saybrook, he removed to that place, and from the founding of Bellflower township, McLean county, served as supervisor for a great many years. He finally came to Champaign county and located one mile east of the present town of Fisher, before the railroad had been built or the village dreamed of. He contiuned his residence there until three years prior to his death, when he removed to Mahomet, where he passed away in July, 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years. He followed farming and stock raising throughout life with the exception of the time spent in Le Roy and Saybrook. He left four children: Martha A., wife of Alfred Gulick, of Mahomet; Mrs. Sarah C. Thrasher, of Champaign; J. A., our subject; and Haynes C., a resident of Fisher. The wife and mother died June 6, 1876. Both parents were consistent and faithful members of the Christian church, always taking an active part in its work, and as a pioneer preacher the father held services in the log school houses all over this section of the country at an early day.

Our subject acquired his education in the public schools of McLean and Champaign counties, and remained upon the home farm until eighteen years of age, when he began working for others at farm labor. At the age of twenty-two, he began life for

himself as an agriculturist, and bought a farm four miles east of Rantoul, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising for some time. His next purchase consisted of over two hundred acres of land in Mahomet township, where he was extensively engaged in raising high grade stock. In the spring of 1893, he sold his farm there and returned to his first farm, upon which he erected a new house, but, in 1894, he came to Champaign, where he has since made his home. He purchased a half interest in a good real estate business, which he successfully carried on for two years and a half, making some large sales in farm lands and city property, as a member of the firm of Miller & Richards. Selling out to his partner, he bought a store and residence property at the corner of East University avenue and Fifth street, and embarked in the grocery, feed and coal business, which he has since conducted with marked success, having built up a large and profitable trade, while he furnishes employment to eight people. He also owns other city property, which he rents, and western lands, and in all his business undertakings he has met with most excellent success. He stands high in public esteem and is very popular with his friends and associates. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Home Circle.

On the 6th of October, 1880, Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Miss Harriet J. Frankeberger, who was born and reared at Rising Station, this county. Her father, John Frankeberger, was one of the early settlers of the county, having located here during the '40s. Our subject and his wife have five children: Melvin F., who is with his father in the store; Clarence, Minnie, Sherman and Mabel, who are all attending school. Mrs. Richards is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which her husband is a liberal contributor.

WILLIAM H. FREE is a worthy representative of an honored Ohio family—a family which has furnished many loyal members to the upbuilding and preservation of that state and the Union. Patriotism and devotion to the good of the public and the majority have been instilled into the minds of every individual bearing the name, and it is beyond question that wherever they go the law and good government will be supported by them. Such citizens are the mainstay and reliance of our beloved country, and well would it be for her, and for the world in general, should the example of the Free family be followed in every home, and the children trained to appreciate and defend the institutions and government of this land of liberty and righteousness.

William H. Free was born in the opening year of the great Civil war, June 10, 1861, a son of Henry N. and Laura C. (Whitzell) Free, natives of Ohio. The father was successfully engaged in the practice of law until he was so unfortunate as to lose his hearing, since which time he has been in the pension business. His home at present is in New Lexington, Ohio, where he is highly respected. He is in the sixty-ninth year of his age; while his wife is five years his junior. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and, while the father is not identified with any religious body, he contributes liberally to the cause and is interested in educational and charitable enterprises. Three of his broth-

ers won distinction and placed their names on the roll of Ohio's noble sons during the Civil war. The eldest of the trio was J. N. Free, who travels all over the United States on free railroad passes and is better known as the Immortal J. N. John W. served as major in the Thirty-first Ohio Infantry, and William was colonel of that regiment, which did gallant service in some of the hardest campaigns of the dreadful sectional strife. Colonel William Free died July 18, 1876. A sister of these heroes, Kate, married Fred Hoffman, who was a soldier in the Mexican war and in the Civil war also. Rosa, another sister, married a Mr. Sickles and died when about seventy-two years of age.

In his boyhood, William H. Free attended the public schools of Ohio, his native state, and, upon completing his studies, he accepted a position in his uncle's store in New Lexington, Perry county, Ohio, remaining with him for four years, and thoroughly mastering the principles of the business in the meantime. Then he became an employee of his father, subsequently managing a store for him at Porterville, Ohio, for two years. He next went to Canal Winchester, Ohio, where he was employed in a store until March, 1888. Since that time, when he came to Champaign county, he has been engaged in farming in the vicinity of Urbana, Illinois, and attends to the cultivation of two hundred acres of land. He is energetic and business-like in his methods, and richly deserves the success he has achieved.

For several years Mr. Free was connected with the Ohio National Guard, and at the time of the riots in Cincinnati, when the court-house was burned, in 1882, he acted in the capacity of orderly sergeant of Company A, of New Lexington, Ohio, under command of Captain T. J. Smith. The soldier-boys were stationed on duty in the streets for ten days or more, and suffered severely from exposure to the inclement weather. Politically, he is an ardent Republican, and, following in the footsteps of his father, he has neither sought nor desired public office. Both himself and his wife are members of the Court of Honor, of Urbana, and are justly popular in the social circles of this place.

The marriage of Mr. Free and Nannie E. Myers, of Champaign, was solemnized February 22, 1894. She is the only daughter of R. H. and Mary H. (Shawhan) Myers, and has one brother, Professor George W. Myers, of Urbana. He was graduated in the University of Illinois in the class of '88, and then went to Europe, where he spent two years in study and travel, being graduated in the University of Munich. He chose for a wife, Mary Eva, daughter of Judge Sim. The mother of Mrs. Free departed this life at the age of twenty-two years, in February, 1865, and the father, who was born March 24, 1833, now resides in Hutchinson, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Free are members of the Christian church and are deeply interested in whatever is calculated to uplift humanity.

JOHN ISAAC GROVES, M. D., a well-known and highly respected citizen of Champaign, was born in Virginia, Illinois, May 2, 1854, and is a son of Rev. Isaac Groves, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. His father being a minister and only remaining a short time in one place, our subject acquired his education in the

various towns where the family were located during his boyhood and youth. He first entered school at Monticello, Illinois, where two years were passed, and from there came to Homer, this county, but here he was ill and unable to attend school. The family next went to Georgetown, Vermilion county, and later spent one year in Carmargo, after which they located on the father's farm in this county. In the fall of 1870 they removed to Champaign, where our subject attended the high school and later the University, but on account of his eyes was unable to complete the course at that institution. In 1874 he commenced teaching school and successfully followed that profession in Champaign and Vermilion counties, for two years each. In the meantime he commenced reading medicine with Dr. Wilson, of Hoopeston, and subsequently entered Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in the class of 1880. For about two years he was engaged in practice at Thorntown, Indiana, and then removed to Gibson City, Illinois, where during the following four years he built up an excellent practice. At the end of that time, at the urgent request of his father, he returned to Champaign, believing it is duty, although he could ill afford to abandon his practice. He has since had charge of his father's farms and estates, and has displayed excellent business ability in their management.

In 1883 the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Grace F. Groves (no relative), who had engaged in teaching school in Danvillle, Rossville and Chicago, and who died in 1885. He was again married, February 17, 1887, his second union being with Miss E. Lynne Burton, of Newcomb township, this county, a daughter of W. D. and Mary Burton. She was also a school teacher prior to her marriage. The Doctor and his wife have one child, Evangeline E.

While engaged in the practice of medicine Dr. Groves was a member of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Society. Socially he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Gibson City, of which he was chancellor commander. He is now a member of the lodge in Champaign. He is also an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Champaign; and has been assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and is trustee of the church; and for the past two years has been secretary of the board of trustees and financial secretary of the church. In manner he is pleasant and cordial, which, combined with his sterling worth, makes him one of the popular citizens of Champaign. Politically Mr. Groves affiliates with the Prohibition party and has been chairman of the township central committee for the past five years.

ARMSTEAD M. FAULEY, an honored and highly respected citizen of Urbana, Illinois, who is now living a retired life at his pleasant home, No. 305 West Green street, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 27, 1830, and is a son of George and Mary (Stoneburner) Fauley, also natives of Ohio. The father was born in Muskingum county in 1805, and throughout life made his home in the Buckeye state, dying there in 1834. He was a farmer by occupation and was a prominent member of the English Lutheran church. During his life the mother was also a member of that church, but afterward united with the Evangelical church. She was born in



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1815, and died in 1897. By her first marriage she had two sons: Armstead M., our subject; and Edward, who first married a Miss Yenser and second a Miss Davis. For her second husband the mother married Michael Miller, by whom she has seven children, namely: Michael, who lives on the old homestead in Ohio, where the mother spent the greater part of her life; John, a banker of Lancaster, Ohio; Maria, who married a Mr. Clewell, an editor in Cleveland, Ohio, but is now deceased. Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Turner, of Fairfield county, Ohio; and Abraham, who died in childhood; David E., a resident of Arcola, Illinois; and Franklin P., of Iowa.

Mr. Fauley, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in the public schools of his native state. He was engaged in general farming and raising blooded stock in Ohio until 1857, when he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and continued in that business for some years, making a specialty of the breeding of roadsters and driving horses. He purchased a farm of about two hundred acres in Somer township, but later disposed of about sixty acres. In September, 1899, he lost his house and a large part of its contents by fire, and after meeting with that misfortune he sold his farm and moved to Urbana, where he is now living retired, having practically laid aside all business cares.

On the 9th of April, 1856, Mr. Fauley married Miss Sarah E. Leib, also a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph and Clarissa (Allen) Leib. Her father was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1799, and died in January, 1881, while her mother was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1803, and died in 1863. Both were active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Fauley engaged in teaching in the grammar department of the public schools of Lancaster, Ohio, and later as a teacher in the high school, under Dr. Williams, for two years. She is the eldest in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: (2) Levi H., a member of the Second Illinois Cavalry during the Civil war, was shot at Bolivar, Tennessee, but also shot the rebel who had wounded him. He died ten days later, August 23, 1862. (3) William, the twin brother of Levi H., died at the age of twenty-one years. (4) Mary E. married Rev. J. W. Stump, a graduate of the Wesleyan College of Ohio, and is now a Methodist Episcopal minister of Arizona, in which territory he owns one thousand acres of land containing rich gold and silver mines. They had one son, Edward, who was shot at the age of thirty years. (5) Louisa Jane married John Reed, and both are now deceased. Their daughter Alice now lives with our subject and his wife in Urbana, and is studying art in the Illinois University. Mrs. Fauley promised her sister on her deathbed to educate her two daughters, which trust she has most faithfully fulfilled. She also left a son, who is now a telegraph operator at Colorado Springs, Colorado. (6) Clarissa A. is the wife of C. C. Holton, and now resides in Florida. (7) Martha R. married W. H. Barber, of Columbus, Ohio, and lives in Grove City, that state. (8) Joseph Findley married Martha Watts, and is engaged in farming and stock raising near Ogden, Champaign county, Illinois. (9) Samuel F. is married and is now a prominent attorney of San Jose, California. The only child born to our subject and his wife died in early childhood.

The Republican party finds in Mr. Fauley a stanch supporter, and he has always taken an active part in all campaigns. While a resident of Somer township he most acceptably served as justice of the peace for nearly thirty years, as supervisor two years, and collector of taxes one year. Any trust reposed in him has always been most capably and satisfactorily discharged, and he has the confidence and respect of all who know him. At one time he was a member of the Grange, and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

EDWARD BLACKSHAW, D. D. S. This worthy citizen of Urbana has been one of the leading members of his profession in this section of the state for many years, and has won a well-deserved reputation for skill and general ability. His history is especially interesting, and his numerous friends throughout this and other states will take pleasure in tracing his career.

His father, Joseph Blackshaw, was a native of England, and in his early life he entered her majesty's service and went to Ceylon. There, in doing some civil engineering work, one feature of which was the blasting of some rocks, he was injured by an explosion, and, in consequence, lost his left eye and left arm. Thenceforth the government granted him a pension of fourteen shillings a week, and when he had regained his general health he obtained a position as clerk and paymaster in Whely's iron and coal mines in Staffordshire, England. He retained that position for thirty years and more, and died in 1866, loved and respected for the honorable fight he had made against extremely adverse circumstances. He was seventy-three years old at the time of his death, and his wife, Anna (Hill) Blackshaw, was about seventy years of age when she was called to the silent land, in 1871. He was prominent in the Odd Fellows society, at one time being grand secretary of the Manchester district of that order. Formerly he was connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, and until his death he was an earnest Christian man. Of his ten children only three survive. Mrs. Sarah Hale, widow of Edward Hale, and Mrs. Benjamin Carliss reside in England. The latter's husband has been employed as an engineer in an insane asylum for the past forty years.

Dr. E. Blackshaw, whose birth took place in Staffordshire, England, September 1, 1831, was well educated in the schools of his native land, and when he was in his sixteenth year, he commenced learning the trade of a taxidermist, that calling being in greater demand in the British Isles than it is in America. For that reason, he has not pursued it to any extent in the United States, though he has mounted many fine specimens of the birds and beasts native to this land, and as recently as 1897 prepared a splendid elk. He gave the first instruction in taxidermy that were ever given at the University of Illinois, and has not lost his interest in the craft, of which he is an adept.

In the summer of 1853 Dr. Blackshaw came to the hospitable shores of America, accompanied by his young wife, with the intention of founding a home here. Locating in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, he commenced learning dentistry with Dr. J. R. Coles, and in 1858 came to this county. He has been longer established in continuous practice than any dentist of eastern Illinois, and his fame is in no sense local. Whereas, it used to be necessary to make a gold or silver

plate for false teeth, the Doctor was so fortunate as to successfully insert teeth in a rubber plate, and was the first to introduce the new idea to the public. Forty years ago he made a gold plate for a lady, who is still using the same plate and teeth, and a gentleman in Urbana has several teeth in his mouth which the Doctor filled with gold forty years ago. There are two families having seven members each, and all of these fourteen persons Dr. Blackshaw has furnished with two plates of teeth. At present and for a long time past, he has been connected with the Eastern Illinois Dental Association, of which he served as vice-president for one year, and besides, he belongs to the Dental Protective Association.

The wife of his youth, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Jones, was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Jones, and their marriage was celebrated in April, 1853. As previously stated the young couple came to the United States a few months subsequently. Their marriage took place in the Edgebastion parish church, which is more than one thousand years old. Mrs. Blackshaw, who was a devout member of the English Episcopal church, died in May, 1881. The lady who now bears the name of the Doctor was formerly Mrs. Mary J. Strachan. She is a native of New York, and is a daughter of William Morgan, of the vicinity of Laurence, New York. In her religious convictions, Mrs. Blackshaw is a Presbyterian.

In Masonic circles, the Doctor holds high rank and honor. He joined the order soon after his arrival in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he belonged to Fountain lodge No. 27, and when he removed to this place, he became identified with Urbana lodge No. 157, F. & A. M. In time he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, in Champaign Chapter, No. 50, and for fourteen years in succession acted as first high priest of Urbana Chapter, No. 80. For twenty-two years he has been thrice illustrious master of Urbana Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, and for one year he was eminent commander in Urbana Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar. He has represented all of these bodies in the Grand bodies and in the Centennial year had the honor of being most illustrious grand master of the grand council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois. In 1889 he went with his commandery to Washington, where he participated in the competitive drill, and for a number of years it was his privilege to be a representative to the Grand Council of Louisiana. Thus, without further reference to the high honors which he has enjoyed and the numerous official positions which he has filled with rare ability and zeal, it may be seen that he is very popular in the Masonic fraternity, and that he possesses marked and distinctive talents as an executive and organizer.

SIMEON E. WEEKS is serving as justice of the peace in Champaign, a position he has filled for a number of years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question.

Mr. Weeks was born in Matteawan, Dutchess county, New York, on the Hudson river, sixty miles above New York City, September 4, 1837, and is a son of William

and Wealthy (Rich) Weeks. The maternal grandfather was Captain John Rich, a sea captain who was lost at sea, and a representative of an old Massachussetts family from Roxbury, that state. The father of our subject was born in Litchfield county, Connecticut, June 14, 1783, and was reared in that state. In early manhood he went to Westchester county, New York, where he was married, and then located in Dutchess county, where he was employed in the cotton factories for many years. In April, 1855, he came to Bloomington, Illinois, and engaged in farming in McLean county until 1861, when he moved to Missouri and purchased land there, but after farming in that state for one year he returned to Illinois and took up his residence in Fulton county, where he died in March, 1869. His wife had passed away December 15, 1868. In early life he was a Democrat, but joined the Republican party on its organization in 1856. Religiously he was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The subject of this sketch received a good practical education in the schools of Matteawan, New York, and then learned the trade of a bricklayer. He located in Bloomington, Illinois, in 1855, just after the completion of the Alton Railroad through that city and when the place contained only five thousand inhabitants. There he engaged in the manufacture of brick until after the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted in Company A, Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was under the command of Colonel W. W. Orme at first, but most of the time under General John McNulta. Going to Missouri with his regiment, he was first in battle at Prairie Grove, December 7, 1862, and was there wounded. He was in active service in Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Alabama, and participated in all of the battles and skirmishes in which his command took part. After three years of faithful and arduous service, he was mustered out at Galveston, Texas, July 17, 1865, and returned to Bloomington. He was interested in the brick business in that city until November 8, 1874, when he took up his residence in Champaign, and here he has since made his home. In 1879 he opened a brickyard of his own east of Champaign and north of Urbana, and gave employment to about sixty-five men, his pay roll averaging three hundred and seventy-five dollars per week. He was engaged in that business until 1883, and, as a contractor, laid the brick for many of the buildings in the city until April, 1893, doing as large a business in that line as any man in the place. Being in poor health, he has since given his whole attention to his official duties.

Mr. Weeks has been thrice married, his first wife being Miss Margaret Stevenson, of Bloomington, who died leaving one child, James W., now of Elizabethton, Tennessee, who was a major of the Third Tennessee Regiment during the Spanish-American war. March 1, 1866, he married Miss Kittie Ames, who died December 15, 1872. On the 24th of October, 1874, Mr. Weeks married Miss Fannie Ames, a sister of Kittie Ames, and daughter of Richard Ames, of Bloomington, and granddaughter of Fisher Ames, a member of the first United States Congress, and a noted orator who delivered the funeral orations of Washington, Adams and Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have one child, Algernon S., now a member of the

bar of this county. The home of the family is at No. 305 East University avenue.

While engaged in business Mr. Weeks served as alderman of Champaign for three terms, during which time the first paving was done in the city, and the water works and electric light put in, making a marked change in the city. Although a Republican, he was elected to that high office from a Democratic ward, a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow-citizens. In 1893 he was elected justice of the peace; was re-elected in 1897, and is still holding that office, his present term not expiring until 1901. His decisions have been sustained in most of his cases when appealed to the higher courts, and for three years did more business than any other justice of the peace in the city, having as high as fifty-three cases in one day. He is past grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 333, and past commander of Colonel Nodine Post, No. 140, G. A. R.; is a prominent member of both orders; and has been a delegate to the State and National Encampments of the Grand Army.

REV. S. K. REED, a retired Methodist Episcopal minister living on North State street, Champaign, was born in Martinsburg, Berkley county, West Virginia, May 22, 1803, a son of William and Mary (Karr) Reed. The father was also a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a native of Ireland and during his residence in this country made his home in Martinsburg. Before he attained his majority he entered the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, but his father bought him out.

Our subject attended the public schools of Martinsburg and also a small college there, but the greater part of his education was acquired by reading and study at home. In early life he engaged in merchandising until 1826, when he was licensed to preach. As one of the old style circuit riders he traveled all over that section of the country, but never accepted any regular pastorate. In 1828 he went to Winchester, West Virginia, where he married Miss Mary E. Grinshaw. There he bought out a man who kept a carpet store and engaged in weaving and continued to reside at that place for ten years, during which time he lost his wife and three children.

Mr. Reed next went to Kentucky, where his brother, James Reed, was a presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a minister under him for a time, but on account of the slavery agitation he left that State and went to Ohio, where he spent eight years. He joined the Northern Ohio Conference, and was first stationed at Lima, Ohio. In 1849 he was united in marriage with Mary C. Magee, a daughter of George W. Magee, of Tarlton, Pickaway county, Ohio. For many years she successfully carried on the tailoring business, and has been connected with the best firms in that line in Champaign. Mr. and Mrs. Reed had three children: John W., who was a dentist of Paxton, Illinois, for fifteen years, and died August 24, 1898; Alice O., wife of D. Wilmot Rankin, of Roseland; and Flora M., at home.

In the fall of 1860 Mr. Reed came from Ohio to Champaign and brought with him fine recommendations, but they were lost by the elder before they were presented to the conference. He engaged in preaching under the elder for about three years,

traveling over a circuit where now may be found many good churches. His health then failed and he was obliged to give up that work, and for a time filled different appointments. Since attaining his ninetieth year he has preached but little with the exception of funeral sermons, and is now practically living retired; though he still marries many couples who come to his house. He has labored long and earnestly in the Master's cause, and has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

GEORGE W. HUBBARD, of the firm of Hubbard & Sons, of Urbana, is one of the leading citizens of this county. By his business influence and foresight he has done much to advance the interests of this locality, and the loyal, patriotic spirit he ever has manifested makes him very popular with all classes, regardless of politics.

Mr. Hubbard is a native of Middlesex county, Connecticut, his birth having occurred in the town of Durham, June 25, 1853. He is a son of Thomas S. and Jane E. (Woodruff) Hubbard, who likewise were natives of Connecticut. The former came to Urbana in 1854, and in 1860 established a hardware store, the first of the kind in the place.

The education of George W. Hubbard was chiefly obtained in the schools of this county, and in the University of Illinois. He was one of the first students enrolled in that institution, and at the time he left he lacked but a few months of completing the regular course. As early as 1869, he became a clerk in his father's hardware store, and for more than thirty years has been connected with the business. In June, 1874, he was admitted to the firm of Hubbard & Sons, comprising Thomas S., Harry T. and himself. This firm, which is one of the oldest of this line of business in the county, handles a large share of the hardware trade of this section of the state, and its reputation for square-dealing and enterprise is highly creditable.

In 1885 George W. Hubbard was honored by election to the responsible office of city treasurer, in which capacity he acted for two years. Then he was chosen as a member of the city council, and acted in that honorable body from 1890 to 1895. In the last-mentioned year, he was elected mayor on the Republican ticket, and at the end of two terms spent in that important office retired to private life. While he was mayor, many improvements were made in the streets and sidewalks, and the stone arched bridge at the west end of Main street was built. He was chairman of the committee that had charge of putting in the present sewerage system. The question of whether the shops of the Big Four Railroad Company should be located here came up for consideration during Mr. Hubbard's term as mayor, and it was due largely to his influence and able management Urbana owes the result, which is highly satisfactory. He was made treasurer of the fund raised as an inducement to the company to build shops here, and handed over to them thirty-five thousand dollars, besides sixty-five acres of land which patriotic citizens had contributed.

On the 10th of September, 1874, Mr. Hubbard married Edna P. Post, of Cromwell, Connecticut. She is the elder of the

two children of Eben W. and Mary (Stickney) Post, who, likewise, were born in Connecticut. Her brother Charles is deceased. Of the eight children born to our subject and wife the eldest, Willie, died when three months old, and Fred P., born May 28, 1891, died July 13, 1899. George Wallace, the eldest living child, is a graduate of the engineering department of the University of Illinois, and now is in the employ of the Murphy Iron Works, of Detroit, Michigan. May W., who was graduated in the Urbana high school, is now pursuing a course in music in the university. Jennie is a member of the junior class of the Urbana high school. Julia and Ernest T. are attending school. Charlie died at the age of one month. The parents and the older children are members of the Presbyterian church, and are held in high esteem in the social circles of this city.

THOMAS J. PATTENGALE, an honored and highly respected citizen of Champaign, who is now serving as supervisor, was born in Porter township, Sciota county, Ohio, September 1, 1843, a son of Stephen and Lydia (Beloat) Pattengale. The father, a native of New York, went to Ohio when a young man and made his first purchase of land just across the river in Kentucky, upon which he located in 1851. As his children grew up, he returned to Sciota county to educate them and bought a farm there. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and during his residence in Ohio, he served as township trustee for many years. His wife was born and reared in Sciota county. Coming to Illinois, in 1864, the father purchased a farm in Montgomery county and another in Christian county, near Pana, and upon the latter he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1882. The mother of our subject also died there September 8, 1867. Both were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Pattengale, of this review, is indebted to the public schools of his native state for his educational advantages. After the breaking out of the Civil war, he enlisted several times, but was always rejected on account of being small in stature, until 1864, when he was finally accepted and became a member of Company M, Seventh Ohio Cavalry, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He saw a great deal of hard fighting, was in the Atlanta campaign, and then returned to Nashville to meet Hood. After that engagement the command went on the Wilson raid, and when near Andersonville prison were met by a flag of truce, after which they returned to Nashville, where they were mustered out July 3, 1865, after sixteen months of arduous and faithful service.

On his return home, Mr. Pattengale engaged in farming in Montgomery county, where he made his home for twenty-seven years, and where he still owns a fine farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. He successfully followed general farming and stock raising until 1892, when he removed to Champaign, and embarked in the flour and feed business, which after carrying on four years he sold to his sons, who now conduct it under the firm name of Pattengale Brothers. The brick building on University avenue occupied by them was purchased February 1, 1899. For the past three years

Mr. Pattengale has lived retired from active labor, enjoying a well-earned rest and the comfortable competence secured by former toil. In 1892 he erected a comfortable residence on East Springfield avenue, where he expects to spend his remaining years.

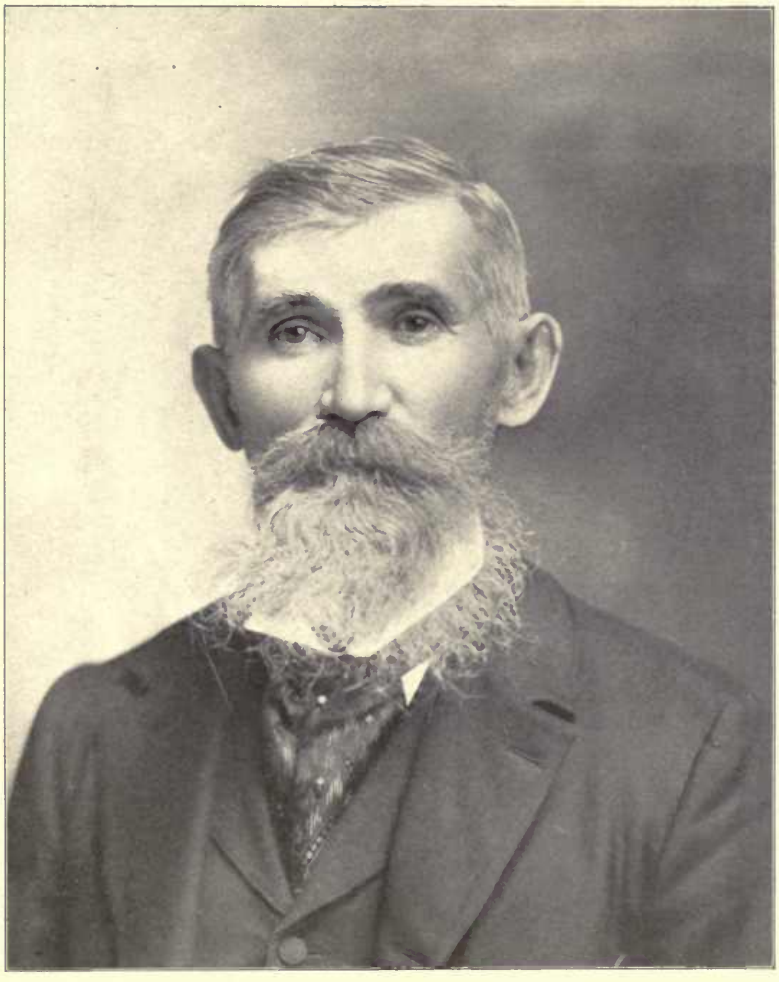
On the 30th of November, 1865, Mr. Pattengale married Miss Maria Cable, also a native of Sciota county, Ohio, and they have three sons: Stephen M., now a member of the firm of Pattengale Brothers, was well educated and successfully engaged in teaching school for some years; John K., a resident of Champaign, was a member of Company M, Fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during our recent war with Spain, and went to Cuba with his regiment; Carl is the junior member of the firm of Pattengale Brothers and resides at home. The family attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church.

While a resident of Montgomery county our subject took quite an active and prominent part in local politics; was a delegate to the different conventions of the Republican party, and was central committeeman in his township for fifteen years. He was census enumerator in 1890, and also served as supervisor five years, and as assessor, being elected to those offices in a Democratic township, which fact speaks highly as to his standing in the community. He was a prominent and influential member of Cunningham Post, No. 236, G. A. R., of Nokomis, of which he was adjutant and commander, and which he represented in the department commandery of the state. He is now an honored member of Colonel Nodine Post, of Champaign and has served as its adjutant for two years. In the fall of 1898 he was appointed supervisor to fill a vacancy, and the following spring was elected to that office for a term of two years, being at present a member of the election and finance committees, the latter being quite important at the present time, as the new court house is in course of construction. He is a man of recognized ability, public-spirited and enterprising and takes a deep and commendable interest in everything calculated to prove of public benefit or will in any way advance the welfare of his city and county.

AUGUST PFISTERER. This well-known resident of Urbana is one of the leading German-American citizens of Champaign county, and in his successful business career he has shown the characteristic thrift and enterprise of his race. Beginning with no capital except that acquired by his own industry, he has succeeded in accumulating a handsome property and is now practically living retired at his beautiful home No. 907 West Green street.

Mr. Pfisterer was born and reared in Smieden, near Stutgart, Germany, August 17, 1833. His parents, Philip and Catherine (Mueller) Pfisterer, spent their entire lives as farming people in Smieden. The father was a soldier in the war against France in 1790, and a medal received for bravery in that struggle is now in possession of our subject.

Mr. Pfisterer received a good practical education in the schools of his native land, and remained under the parental roof until about twenty years of age, when he decided to come to America to avoid military service, as he was old enough to enter the army at that time. Accordingly on the 15th of June, 1853, he left home—a day long to be remembered by him, as he did not know



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whether he would ever see his parents again, and he did not return to his native land until after their deaths. On reaching this country he spent three months in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he had a brother living, and where he worked for a butcher. He then came to Champaign county, Illinois, where another brother made his home, and found employment with B. F. Harris, living twelve miles west of Urbana, feeding cattle the first winter. Not knowing the English language he did not like his new home at first. For three months he received fifteen dollars per month and after that thirty dollars. He remained with Mr. Harris until after his marriage to Christina Wise, also a native of Germany, and then operated that gentleman's farm for a number of years, during which time he saved money and accumulated some stock. Subsequently he lived upon an adjoining farm for three years, and at the end of that time purchased ninety acres of land from Mr. Harris a mile and a half southwest of Mahomet, upon which was a good log house; that in later years he replaced by a residence costing three thousand dollars. He also built a granary and other buildings after he had finished paying for his land.

Mrs. Pfisterer, who for twenty-two years had traveled life's journey with her husband and had proved a faithful helpmeet to him, died in 1876, leaving six children: John W. and Charles William, both farmers of this county; Jacob Oscar, also a farmer, who died three years ago; Frank F., a farmer of this county; Rose E., wife of Oscar Wright; and Susan, wife of James Ospen, of Iowa. Mr. Pfisterer was again married in 1878, his second union being with Mrs. Julia A. Latshaw, who died in March, 1883. On the 2nd of October, 1885, he married Mrs. Almira Jane (Cox) Iunrich, widow of Jacob Iunrich, a brother of our subject's second wife. She was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, and belongs to an old and highly respected family of that state, her father being Colonel William Cox, commander of a regiment in the state militia, and a prominent business man of Perry county. Her grandfather represented his district in the state Legislature for several terms.

As his financial resources increased, Mr. Pfisterer added to his farm until it comprises two hundred and fifty acres, which he still owns, and also purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres near Staley, but has now practically divided his property with his children. In 1881 he purchased a residence in Champaign and removed to that place, but after the death of his second wife he returned to his farm, remaining there two years. When he was again married, he bought a farm near his wife's old home in Pennsylvania, but not liking the location he sold out at the end of two years and returned to this county. Here he purchased more land, so that he had a half section in Mahomet township, as well as another one hundred and sixty acres in the same township, and there successfully engaged in farming and stock raising for three or four years. He then returned to Champaign, where he still owns a house, one block west of the University, but a year and a half later he sold that place, and bought his present beautiful home on West Green street, Urbana, one of the choicest locations in the city. He has always endeavored to buy property where it could be sold advantageously. At present he is not actively engaged in any occupation though he continues to look after his property interests.

Politically Mr. Pfisterer is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and has held several local offices, serving as school director for many years. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and was also connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Mahomet until it broke up, and he is still holding a certificate. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are held in high regard by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

JACOB F. HERBSTRIET. One of the upright, enterprising young business men of Urbana is he of whom this sketch is penned. By diligence and strict attention to the needs and wishes of his customers he has won the favor of the public, and rarely, if ever, finds any leisure time upon his hands of late years. Public spirited and progressive, he takes great interest in the prosperity of this community, and performs his full share towards the common welfare.

Though he is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in the town of Witlandsweiler, Wurtemburg, August 26, 1864, he was so young when he came to the United States that he is, to all intents and purposes, an American. With his two sisters, Caroline and Maggie, he accompanied their parents, Jacob Frederick and Anna Herbstriet, to the hospitable shores of this fair land some thirty years ago, three weeks being spent in making the voyage. An uncle of our subject, Matthew Herbstriet, had crossed the Atlantic previously, and an aunt, Mary, who became the wife of Fred Sweitzer, in Cincinnati, Ohio, also had come to America. Anna, widow of Fred Kinzel, who died November 28, 1899, aged sixty years, resides in Mattoon, Illinois; Effie, who married John Ross, of Urbana, died in 1888, and Mrs. Sanborn died in Missouri. Several of the brothers and sisters of our subject's mother reside in Germany, but none live in this country. Mrs. Anna Herbstriet departed this life about five years subsequent to the arrival of the family in the United States.

Of the seven children born to Jacob Frederick and Anna Herbstriet all but two have passed to the better land. Maggie, wife of James Vaughn, resides on Sixth street, Champaign, Illinois. Caroline, who was born in 1861, and died in 1892, was the wife of Ryman Herbe, and left five children to mourn her loss. Effie died in Germany with the small pox, which disease the father also had, and the other members of the family suffered from it in its lightest form. Fred and Frank, twins, did not outlive babyhood, the latter being about two years old at the time of his death. Annie, the youngest child, died when in her twenty-second year, in 1893.

From the time of his arrival in Illinois, in 1870, until 1879, J. F. Herbstriet lived with his relatives in Champaign, attending the common schools and making thorough preparation for the more serious duties of life. Beginning to work at the trade of a tailor in the year last-mentioned, he found employment for several years with John Ross, of Urbana, and about nine years ago he embarked in business here independently. He has been located at his present commodious quarters in the Masonic building, on Main street, from the beginning, and, as the workmanship and style of all clothing ordered of him is excellent, and gives a high degree of satisfaction to all of his patrons, he commands a large and lucrative trade.

The marriage of Mr. Herbstriet and Miss Josephine Hill was celebrated April 16, 1885. Her father, William Hill, who died in 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, was a native of Ohio, and was one of the old and honored pioneers of Urbana, his residence here extending over a period of thirty-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Simmers, is still living at their old home on South Vine street. Mrs. Herbstriet is one of eight children, namely: William, Jesse, Joseph, Thompson, John, who was drowned in the Oswego river; Josephine, Carrie, and Alice, who died in 1882, aged fourteen years. Joseph is married, and is carrying on a farm in Woodbury county, Iowa. The half-brother of Mrs. Herbstriet is deceased. The only child of our subject and wife is Jean, a bright little girl of ten years. Mrs. Herbstriet has ably assisted her husband in his business during the past nine years.

In political affairs, Mr. Herbstriet is a Republican, and fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He deserves great credit for the success which he has achieved, for it is founded upon true merit and correct business principles.

ROBERT ABERNATHY, a well-known carriage and sign painter of Champaign, who has made his home in that city since the spring of 1879, was born in Jennings township, Fayette county, Indiana, May 10, 1846, and is a son of James and Susanna (Burk) Abernathy. The father was a native of Dunlapville, Union county, Indiana, and a son of Robert Abernathy, who about 1800 removed from South Carolina to Indiana, the state at that time being an unbroken wilderness inhabitated only by the red men and a very few white settlers, for whose protection a block house had been built near the present site of Dunlapville. There he took up land and continued to make his home throughout life, but his death occurred in Fayette county, Indiana. He was of Scotch descent. The father of our subject grew to manhood in his native county, and at an early day entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hancock county, Indiana, which he proved up and continued to own until a short time before his death. From his father he also received a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fayette county, and upon that place he lived. He was a member of the old state militia, and both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. She was born and reared in Ohio, and was a daughter of John Burk, who later moved with his family to Indiana. Our subject's father died in March, 1867, and the mother in February, 1882.

Mr. Abernathy, whose name introduces this sketch, passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm and obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He was married, November 25, 1865, to Miss Tabitha Finnell, and about two years later came to this county, locating in Champaign township, six miles southwest of the city of Champaign, where he owned a farm of eighty acres and engaged in general farming and stock-raising for some time. There his wife died, August 4, 1874, leaving three sons: William Arthur, who is mentioned below; James Madison, who assists his father in business; and Walter M., of Champaign.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Abernathy stopped farming and traded his farm

for property on East University avenue, between First and Second streets, Champaign, consisting of two lots, upon one of which he erected a residence, the other a shop. Here he has since successfully engaged in carriage and sign painting, his work displaying considerable artistic taste, and gaining for him a worthy reputation in that line. He now has the oldest exclusive carriage shop in the city, and he and his son are kept constantly busy to meet the demands of their trade. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

On the 25th of September, 1884, Mr. Abernathy was again married, his second union being with Miss Susan Conwell, of Champaign, also a native of Indiana. She was reared in Richmond, that state, and came to Colfax, Illinois, with her father, Robert Conwell, the same year that our subject located here. They have one child, Leola Frances. Mrs. Abernathy is a most estimable woman and a member of the Christian church.

ARTHUR W. ABERNATHY, proprietor of the Abernathy studio of Champaign, which is one of the best studios in this part of the state, was born in Rushville, Indiana, August 29, 1866, and was only two years old when brought by his parents to this county. After completing his education in the common and high schools of Champaign, he entered the studio of Mr. Holland in 1882, at the age of fifteen years, to learn the art of photography, and spent three years with him. Subsequently he worked in different galleries here and in other cities, and then started in business for himself in Champaign. Later he had an interest in galleries outside of the city, but carried on business here in partnership with F. W. Stafford until their studio was destroyed by fire January 6, 1899. Since then Mr. Abernathy has been alone, and on the completion of the new building opened his present gallery on the ground floor, which was planned especially for him and is one of the finest studios in the central part of the state, being ninety feet long and supplied with all conveniences. Mr. Abernathy is certainly master of the art to which he devotes his talents, and has met with most gratifying success. On the 12th of March, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Skelly, of Pekin, Illinois. Both are members of the Christian church, and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Red Men and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs in the subordinate lodge of the last named fraternity.

REV. WILLIAM SUESSMITH, pastor of St. Peter's United Evangelical church, of Champaign, was born in Darmstadt, Germany, October 28, 1869, a son of Adam and Elizabeth Suessmith, who have always made their home in Darmstadt. The father was a civil engineer in the employ of the government and had oversight of all the engineering in his division, which is similar to our counties, this including railroads and all.

During his boyhood Rev. Suessmith pursued his studies in the colleges of his native land. At the age of fifteen years he came alone to the United States, landing in New York, in 1884, and he spent some time in the office of his uncle, a physician of that city. He then entered Berea College (Ohio), remaining there within one year of graduation, and next became a student in the Theological Seminary of the Evangel-

ical Synod of North America, where he pursued the full course and was graduated with the class of 1895. He was then ordained and accepted his first charge at Houston, Texas, as pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran church of that city. He next went to Warrenton, that state, where he renovated the church and built a school in the parish, but on account of his health he had to leave Texas, the climate not agreeing with him. In August, 1899, he came to Champaign and accepted the pastorate of St. Peter's Evangelical church.

This church has a membership of over one hundred families and is the largest German church in the county. The congregation was organized in 1864 and the first clergyman was Rev. I. M. Harthman, the missionary for this district, but the first resident pastor was Rev. Julius Schumm, who remained here three years and nine months, leaving July 11, 1869. During this time the first church was built and dedicated on the last day of December, 1865. Rev. Schumm was succeeded by Rev. N. R. Buehler, and was pastor two years, and in turn was succeeded by Rev. John Andres, who remained until 1873. The next pastor was Rev. H. Strehlow, who was in charge of the work here for the long period of twenty-two years, or until 1895, and it was during his pastorate that arrangements were made to build the new church, but it was not started until after the arrival of Rev. Frederick Werhahn, from December, 1895, to April, 1898. This brick edifice, on the corner of University avenue and Fourth street, was dedicated in 1896. It was built at a cost of about twenty-five thousand dollars, and has a seating capacity of nine hundred. The parsonage, which adjoins the church, was purchased in 1890. There is also a parochial school with W. Rathmann as teacher, who is also organist in the church, which is supplied with a fine new pipe organ. This school is under the supervision of the pastor, and has forty pupils in attendance. The church has increased in membership quite rapidly, especially in the last three or four years, and is one of the most successful in the county. The Ladies Society, at their tenth anniversary in July, 1899, had sixty members, while the Young People's Society has forty-five members. The latter bought the organ for the church in 1899, and the three bells in 1896. Through the efforts of Rev. Suessmith several interior improvements have already been made in the church, and he is doing an excellent work in the community. Broad in his views and sympathies, a friend of the poor and oppressed, ever ready with helpful counsel for the perplexed or sorrowful, he has a wide field for labor and well does he discharge its arduous and sacred duties. He is a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

On the 5th of December, 1895, Rev. Suessmith was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Eschenbach, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and was given an excellent education, her uncle being a college professor in Verden, Hanover. She is also a fine musician and a most estimable lady.

JOHN REIMUND, deceased, was one of the prominent and most highly respected citizens of Urbana for many years, and though about eighteen years, with noteworthy changes, have passed since he was summoned to his reward, the memory of his noble life and sterling virtues is undimmed

in the minds of the hosts of sincere friends to whom he had endeared himself.

Born in Bedford, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1821, he was a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Hessheizer) Reimund, likewise natives of the Keystone state. The father, who died about 1872, when eighty-one years of age, was a manufacturer and dealer in furniture, and was favorably known in Bedford, where he made his home for almost a life-time. He was an earnest member of the Lutheran church, and led the choir for a long time. His wife also was a devoted member of the church, and their home was noted for hospitality and good cheer. She departed this life in 1852, loved and mourned by everyone who knew her. Their eldest child, Mary, first married William Weisel, whose death occurred about a year subsequently. His widow later became the wife of Henry Nicodemus, who survives her. She died when in her sixty-third year, and her husband now is approaching his ninetieth year. Of their five children John and Mary are unmarried, and the others are William, whose wife, formerly Julia Reed, is deceased; Ellen, wife of Harry Harclay; and Frank. Henry, youngest child of Solomon Reimund, makes his home in Beatrice, Nebraska. He was married, in Bedford, Pennsylvania, to Mary Ann Ridebaugh, and three sons were born to them, namely; Ambrose, William and Alfonzo.

John Reimund, whose name heads this sketch, was educated in the Lutheran schools at Bedford, and when he had completed his studies he commenced learning the jeweler's trade. He was thus employed for about six years, one year being in the employ of his brother-in-law, Mr. Weisel. Going to Hagerstown, Maryland, the young man was there engaged in business for four years, after which he returned to his native place and continued to conduct a jewelry store on his own account until 1853. At that time he located in Princeton, Illinois, and three years later he went to Wabasha, Minnesota, where he pre-empted a claim, and fulfilled the conditions of the law in regard to the property. At Red Wing, in the same state, he was employed at his trade until August 18, 1862, when he offered his services to his stricken country.

Then, as we all know, were the days that "tried men's souls," and for three years John Reimund was ever found at the post of duty, though how often did his thoughts return to the happy little family he had left in the north, and who he was not to see for the entire period of his army life. He had enlisted in Company F, Sixth Regiment of Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and from October, 1862, until the following fall, his regiment was kept in the home state, guarding the settlers from threatened Indian outbreaks. During the winter of 1864 Mr. Reimund was kept on guard duty, having charge of prisoners, and then was sent to Helena, Arkansas, on that rigorous campaign, where great numbers of his comrades died of illness contracted in camp. At the time of Lincoln's second election, he was stationed at the St. Louis barracks, and voted for the great American who was so soon to fall by the hand of an assassin, and here it may be stated that our subject always was a loyal advocate of the Republican party. He took part in the military operations around New Orleans and participated in the last battle of the war. At Ft. Ridgely, in Minnesota, his regiment was disbanded, and in August, 1865, just three years from the date of his enlistment, he was granted an honorable discharge from the army.

Imagine the happy re-union of John Reimund and his family, who for three dreadful years of anxiety and suffering had been separated. The brave wife, whose part had been no less difficult than his own, had returned to Bedford with their five children, and had nobly performed her duties. Now she tenderly cared for her husband for nearly a year, as his health was broken down in the arduous campaigns of the southwest. In December, 1866, the family removed to Urbana, where Mr. Reimund's brother Henry was a resident. Buying the stock and good will of his sister's husband, Mr. Ridebaugh, our subject continued to carry on the business here until his death, which occurred June 5, 1882. He had won the respect of the people of Urbana, and had identified himself with all of their interests. For a number of years he served as steward in the Methodist Episcopal church, besides being chorister for a long period, and a teacher and leader of the singing in the Sunday-school.

The marriage of John Reimund and Rebecca Nawgel took place March 29, 1849. Her ancestors were numbered among the old and honored pioneers of Bedford county, and to-day she has some documents in her possession which were written there one hundred and three years ago, and yet are well preserved. Her grandfather, Anthony Nawgel, came from Baden, Germany, and was one of the first treasurers of Bedford county. He married Sarah Faust. Her father, Frederick Nawgel, who was born January 18, 1791, and died May 15, 1880, was a prosperous farmer, owning upwards of seven hundred acres of valuable land. He was very prominent in the Lutheran church, and besides being an elder until late in life he served as superintendent of the Sunday-school for a score of years. His wife, whose maiden name was Eva Ott (and who was a daughter of Michael Ott) was born May 8, 1795, and died May 15, 1863. She, too, was a zealous church member, and carried her religious faith into her every-day life. Her two eldest children, Anthony and Phœbe, died in infancy. Michael, born in June, 1819, died in 1897. He married Maria Horn, now deceased, and several children blessed their union. Sarah, born October 15, 1821, became the wife of the Rev. P. P. Lane, and the mother of ten children. Both parents and seven of their children have passed to the better land. Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of George Logan, and three of their children survive. Frederick, now seventy-five years of age, married Henrietta Cavendish in his youth, and of their large family seven survive. Anna, widow of David Coffman, of St. Louis, Missouri, has four living children.

Mrs. Rebecca Reimund was born and reared in Bedford, Pennsylvania, the date of her birth being January 5, 1831. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, one of whom is in the silent land. Her daughter, Levanda, lives with her, and her youngest child, Solomon J., a confectioner, has a store in Urbana, in one wing of his mother's house on Main street. Frederick B., a jeweler by trade, resides in Iowa. George A., whose home is in Sullivan, Illinois, married Agnes Bushman, and has one child, Grace A. Wilbur O., of Lawrenceville, Illinois, and a tobacconist by occupation, married Gertrude Ingersoll, and has one child, Harold R. Clara, wife of J. L. Charni, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, has four children, Guy, Dean, Hazel and Fred. Almeron A., the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Reimund, died at the age of three years, as

the result of an attack of the croup, his illness lasting only three hours. Many heart-breaking sorrows and lesser griefs have befallen Mrs. Reimund, but she has borne them patiently and with the fortitude of a true Christian, believing always that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord," and feeling happy in the faith that some day she shall join her loved ones who are waiting her on the other shore.

WILLIAM HARTFORD, D. O., who is successfully engaged in the practice of osteopathy in Champaign, Illinois, was born in Henderson county, this state, December 6, 1856, and is a son of Winfield Scott and Lucetta R. (Thomas) Hartford, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Muskingum county, the latter in Cayuga county. The family has been well represented in the wars of this country, the great-great-grandfather of our subject having come to this country in 1740 and served as a British officer in the French and Indian war; four great uncles of the father being soldiers of the Revolution; and William Hartford, the grandfather, a soldier of the war of 1812. The Hartfords are of Scotch-Irish origin.

Winfield S. Hartford, the Doctor's father, was a farmer by occupation. About a month after his marriage in Union county, Ohio, he moved to Henderson county, Illinois, where he purchased land and made his home until 1866, when he went to Adair county, Missouri, and bought a section of land, upon which he engaged in farming and stock raising for many years. He met with excellent success in his undertakings, and is now living retired with his daughter, Ella, in Springfield, Missouri. His first wife and the mother of our subject died in Adair county, in the fall of 1867. Of the eleven children born to them, two, Justus and Lincoln, died in infancy. The others were Eliza, now the widow of R. G. David, a Union soldier, of Coffey county, Kansas; Mary A., wife of A. J. Brooks, a Union soldier, of Clark county, Iowa; Sarah E., widow of Alexander McLelland and residents of Cameron, Missouri, where she makes her home with her son, Charles, an osteopathist; William, our subject; John T., a farmer of Putnam county, Missouri; Isaac J., formerly a college professor, now an osteopathist engaged in practice in Dayton, Ohio; Ella L., wife of H. F. Walker, of near Springfield, Christian county, Missouri; Martha R., wife of Robert Bledsoe, of Schuyler county, Missouri; and Washington I., an osteopathist of Kirksville, Missouri. The last named was a twin brother of Lincoln, who died in infancy. The father was again married, June 15, 1870, his second union being with Emily F. McFerron, by whom he had three children: Grace, who is the widow of Charles Albright, and is now engaged in the practice of osteopathy in Salem, Oregon; Winfield S., Jr., who is engaged in farming near Davenport, Iowa; and Andrew J., who follows the same pursuit near Davenport.

Dr. Hartford, whose name introduces this sketch, obtained his primary education in the district schools of Adair county, Missouri, and later was graduated from the State Normal at Kirksville and also from the Kirksville Mercantile College. Up to this time he had made his home with his father, and then engaged in teaching the country schools of Adair county for five years, in the high schools of Monroe county



WILLIAM HARTFORD, OSTEOPATHIST.

GRADUATE OF AMERICAN SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHY,
KIRKSVILLE, MO.

one year, and the high schools of Schuyler county, Missouri, for two years. At the end of that time he was elected county superintendent of schools in Adair county for a term of two years, and was again offered the office, but declined, preferring to go to St. Edward, Nebraska, where he was principal of the high school for two years. On account of his wife's health he returned to Missouri, and accepted the professorship of commercial law and arithmetic in the Kirksville Mercantile College.

On the 26th of March, 1882, Dr. Hartford was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Sterrett, who was born in Missouri, in 1860, a daughter of Johnson and Margaret (Ryals) Sterrett. Her father entered the Union army during the Civil war and died in a hospital in 1861. Her mother survived him only a short time, and after her death, Mrs. Hartford was adopted by her uncle, Peter Crockett Berry, of Iowa, in which state she was reared. The Doctor and his wife have two children: William Scott, born April 16, 1883, is now attending the Champaign high school; and Naoma R., born November 3, 1891, is attending the grammar schools of that city.

In 1893 Dr. Hartford resigned his position in the Kirksville Medical College on account of his wife's health. He soon became interested in osteopathy, as his wife was cured by that science. Only as a last resort and with great misgivings he placed her in Still's infirmary at Kirksville, but she was completely restored to health. He decided to go deeper into the mysteries of that science, and studied for four terms of five months each in the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, from which he graduated June 22, 1897. On the 28th of the same month he opened an office in Clarinda, Iowa, and successfully engaged in practice there for a few months, during which time he effected some marvelous cures, among them being Miss Shenton, of Coin, Page county, Iowa, who was totally blind for twenty-three years; and D. R. McAlpine, of Clarinda, who was suffering from chronic Bright's disease and was pronounced incurable by some of the most eminent physicians of Iowa. In October, 1897, on account of the anti-osteopathic law passed in Iowa, he went to Ogden, Utah, where he met with splendid success in his profession, but was three times arrested on the charge of practicing without license, and came out victorious in each case. On the 1st of April, 1898, he came to Champaign, Illinois, and engaged in practice here with remarkable success until October, 1898, when, on account of the opposition he encountered, he returned to Clarinda, Iowa, as a law had been passed legalizing osteopathy in that state. After such a law was passed in Illinois, he again came to Champaign in September, 1899, and here he is now meeting with splendid success, having effected some wonderful cures and won the confidence of the people. The Doctor is the author of an excellent definition of osteopathy, as follows: Osteopathy is the method of science which attributes the etiology of disease to an abnormal condition of the bones, muscles, ligaments and fascia causing an obstruction of the circulation of the life giving fluid; especially a treatment the basis principles being the adjustment of the bones, muscles, ligaments and fascia, thereby removing all obstruction to the vital forces that there may be freedom to all life-giving fluids and forces, using the bones as levers to accomplish this object.

The Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take quite an active part in church work. Socially he is a member of Adair County lodge, No. 366, F. & A. M., of Kirksville, Missouri, and the K. P. lodge, No. 72, of the same city.

WILLIAM S. ROYAL. Urbana is fortunate in possessing so many enterprising young business men, citizens who take genuine pride in the development and beautifying of the place, as does the subject of this sketch. Within a few years he has built up a lucrative business and enviable reputation for square-dealing, and, judging by the past, his future holds much of promise.

He is a son of William and Eunice (Withrow) Royal, who were natives of Ohio, and, at an early day settled in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, buying a homestead from the government. The father was born February 6, 1820, and was called to his reward May 11, 1894, loved and honored by all who knew him. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in the days of the so-called circuit riders, his home was a favorite stopping place for the ministers of that denomination. The mother, who was born February 9, 1825, is yet living, and takes an active interest in church work.

The first death in the large family of William Royal, was his own, six years ago, and no other break in the circle has yet occurred. The eldest, Anna, who first married John Stingle and had three daughters, is now the wife of John Mozier, of Columbia City, Indiana. Jennie, widow of Perry Seawright, resides in Frankfort, same state. Josie, widow of Dr. Goldsberry, makes her home in Lafayette, Indiana. Fannie, also a resident of Lafayette, is the wife of S. Wade. Samuel T., whose wife formerly was Mary E. Cole, lives in Lafayette. James A. married Fannie Seawright, and is a citizen of Idaville, Indiana. Ella A., who married J. D. Bush, resides in Urbana. Julia, wife of William Frantz, lives in Dayton, Indiana, and Clara, Mrs. Linn Frazier, is a resident of Fowler City, Kansas. Charles E., the youngest, is located in Lafayette.

William S. Royal, who is next to the youngest of the family, was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, May 16, 1864. He was reared upon his father's fine, productive farm in that county, and took just pride in having everything about the homestead in fine condition. About 1886, he accompanied his father to Kansas, where both took up quarter-sections of land, and held the property until it became theirs, according to the law. In 1888, the young man disposed of his land, and thus made his start in the business world. Going then to Kansas City, he engaged in the oil business, and continued to devote his energy to that enterprise until 1892. Since that year he has made his home in Urbana, and now conducts a grocery trade, and at the same time deals in oil quite extensively. During the past year or two his sales in the last-mentioned commodity have amounted to thirty-one thousand, five hundred gallons, annually. He buys from the Standard Oil Company, and keeps the best grades in the market. Success has come to him as the result of merit and diligence, and his customers are invariably his friends. He now owns and carries on two groceries, in different parts of the city, and, though competition is keen in this line, he is prospering.

In politics, Mr. Royal is a stanch Republican. Socially, he is a member of the Odd Fellows order, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and Daughters of Rebecca. His means and influence are freely used in the support of all measures which he believes will promote the welfare of his community and country, and thus his example is well worthy to be followed by patriotic citizens. With his wife he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Our subject's wife, formerly Miss Kate Harris, is, like himself, one of eleven children, both families having seven daughters and four sons. Their marriage was celebrated March 30, 1887, and three children bless their home, namely: William Glenn, Lester Harris and Hazel A. Mrs. Royal's parents are Rev. J. G. and Sarah (Horn) Harris, now living retired at Bellefontaine, Ohio, and are enjoying excellent health of mind and body. The father was born February 14, 1817, in York, Pennsylvania, and is a great-grandson of the Rev. Nicholas Kurtz and grandson of Rev. Jacob Goering, pioneers of the Lutheran faith in the Keystone state. Rev. Mr. Harris entered the junior class at Pennsylvania College in 1839, and was graduated in the theological seminary at Gettysburg in the class of '42. Having been ordained, he accepted a pastorate at Bellefontaine, Ohio, and later occupied the pulpits of his denomination at Shanesville, Tuscarawas and Tippecanoe City, Ohio. For two years he was a professor in Wirtemberg College, Springfield, Ohio, and in May, 1856, he was elected president of the Kentucky synod, and four years later was re-elected, serving in that important capacity for six years. Both he and his wife have been a power for good in their generation, and possess the love of a multitude to whom they have endeared themselves. The wife and mother was born August 16, 1822, and, besides rearing several children to take honored places in "the world's broad field of battle," she nobly aided and encouraged her husband in his long years of labor and trial. A great sorrow came to them in their early married life in the loss of their two eldest daughters, who died only three days apart of scarlet fever, the father being absent from home at the time. Elizabeth was about three years old and Maria was in her sixth year. The first born of the family, John, now of DeGraff, Ohio, married Matilda Schick. Sarah, the eldest surviving daughter, is the wife of J. D. Lamb, of Bellefontaine. Jacob Goering, who wedded Mary Keller, and William C., whose wife was Anna Adams, both reside at Bellefontaine. Susan, Gustavus A., and Emma E., unmarried, live with their parents, the son managing his father's farm. Louisa J. is the wife of Joseph Yates, of Bellefontaine.

LORENZO DOW MASSEY, a prominent and successful real estate dealer of Champaign, was born in Marion, Williamson county, Illinois, June 18, 1860. His father, Fortner Massey, was born in the north of Ireland of Scotch ancestry, and came to this country as a boy with his parents, locating in North Carolina, where the grandfather of our subject engaged in merchandising until his death. There the father was reared to manhood and received his education. He then removed to Virginia, where he met and married Miss Jane Eaton, a native of that state, and as a

wedding trip came to southern Illinois, about 1849. He pre-empted land in Williamson county, and soon was the owner of a well-improved and valuable farm of five hundred acres, one of the finest places in that section. Mr. Massey was one of the leading breeders of fine horses in that county, and was one of its best known and most prominent citizens, but would never accept public office. He was a strong Union man during the Civil war, but did not enter the army on account of a crippled hand. He always saw that the companies got transportation, conveying them himself to the railroad station in Carbondale. His wife died in 1862, leaving five children, of whom our subject is next to the youngest, and he died upon his farm three years later.

After his father's death our subject was bound out to Maston Walker, a very wealthy and noted man, with whom he remained until seventeen years of age, and then went to Edgar county, Illinois. He received a thorough education, attending the Marion high school, the Southern Normal at Carbondale, and the Normal at Normal, Illinois, and for ten years he successfully engaged in teaching school in Champaign county, where he located in 1886, seven years of that time as teacher in the Dunham school, Hensley township, and the remainder in Savoy and as assistant for a short time in the west side school in Champaign. He has also taught at teachers' institutes, and for two years engaged in farming. He has visited all parts of the county, and is probably as well known to the farmers as any man within its borders. In November, 1892, he opened a real estate and loan office at No. 3 Main street, where he still carries on business, making a specialty of mortgage loans, and in this undertaking he has met with most gratifying success. Since making his first loan, in 1891, he has never had a foreclosure, although he has done a large business. He also buys and sells considerable real estate, and is a good judge of city values, being a shrewd and capable business man of sound judgment and untiring energy. In his politicial affiliations he is a Republican.

On the 13th of July, 1892, Mr. Massey was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle Dunham, of Champaign, a graduate of the high school of that city, and a daughter of William Dunham, a representative of one of the early families of Hensley township. By this union has been born one child, Mildred. The family residence, at the corner of Union and Lynn streets, was purchased by Mr. Massey in 1894. Both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM HILL, deceased, for many years a highly respected and honored citizen of Urbana, Illinois, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 8, 1812, and was a son of Charles and Charity (Vaughn) Hill, who were born, reared and married in Kentucky, and later moved to Ohio, locating on a farm in Tuscarawas county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, both dying at a good old age. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were the following children: Robert, who has been dead many years; Charles, deceased, who was married in Ohio, but after the death of his wife returned to Kentucky, where he secured land on a land warrant given to his grandfather for services in the Revolutionary war; Catherine, wife of Zachariah Pierce; Joseph,

who died in Iowa, about 1884; Margaret, who married Daniel Anderson and died in 1879; William, our subject; John, who died young; Jesse, who died in February, 1895; Nancy, wife of James Lewis; and Thomas, who died at the age of eighteen years.

William Hill grew to manhood in his native state, and there he married Miss Priscilla Lewis, a sister of James Lewis, previously mentioned, and she died near Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in 1834. By that union he had three children, namely: Job, who was accidentally killed at the age of fourteen years; Thomas, a member of an Illinois regiment for three years during the Civil war, and who lived only a few years after his discharge, he and his wife dying on the same day; and John, who completes the family.

Mr. Hill was again married July 27, 1848, his second union being with Miss Hannah Elizabeth Simmers, a daughter of Henry and Martha (Davis) Simmers, the former a native of Canada, the latter of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They were married in 1820, when the father was twenty-one years of age. By occupation he was a farmer. He died in 1880, and his wife April 20, 1864, at the age of sixty-five years. Both were active members of the Methodist church, and the mother was regarded as one of the best church singers of her day. Their children were as follows: Matilda, wife of Christian Roth and a resident of Tuscarawas county, Ohio; and Mary Ann, wife of Newell Litten, of Monroe county, Ohio; Mahala, deceased wife of James Brice; John Wesley, who lives near Dugger, Indiana; James William, who is living with his daughter, Laura Bullard, near Worthington, Indiana; and Henry Clay, whose home is near Jasonville, Indiana. By his second marriage our subject had eight children: William Henry, who lives with his mother in Urbana; Jesse, who was in old Mexico when last heard from; Joseph L., a resident of Iowa, who married Lottie Turner and has four children, Mabel, Lloyd, Clara and Frank; Charles T., at home; John W., who was drowned in Kansas at the age of twenty-nine years; Martha J., wife of Jacob Herbstreit, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Carrie E., at home; and Allie, who died July 27, 1882, at the age of fourteen years.

On leaving Ohio, Mr. Hill removed to Sullivan county, Indiana, where he made his home for eleven years, and in March, 1863, came to Urbana, Illinois. He engaged in digging ditches, followed farming and was employed as a general laborer. He cast his first vote for General W. H. Harrison, the Whig candidate, and later affiliated with the Republican party. He died November 22, 1894, at the age of eighty-two years, honored and respected by all who knew him. His family resides at No. 206 Vine street, and are widely and favorably known in the community where they have long made their home.

CHARLES M. EAGLETON, a well-known constable of Champaign, and one of its highly esteemed citizens, was born in Newton, Jasper county, Illinois, October 24, 1857, natives of Tennessee and Pennsylvania, respectively, who were married in Indiana. When a young man the father removed to Vigo county, Indiana, where he became acquainted with the lady who afterward became his wife, and where he engaged in school teaching and farming a few years,

when he removed to Jasper county, Illinois, and took up a tract of new land, making it his home throughout the remainder of his life. It was a good sized farm and quite well improved. He served as justice of the peace for several years, and during the Civil war enlisted as lieutenant of Company B, Ninety-eighth Illinois Cavalry, but his health failed and he was placed in charge of a government supply store at Helena, Arkansas, where he was taken with fever and died. He left five children. The mother is now Mrs. Benjamin Miller and is still a resident of Jasper county. Religiously she is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Our subject was reared upon the home farm and obtained his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and the normal school at Newton. On the 1st of January, 1879, he married Miss Margaret L. Howell, of Jasper county, and then engaged in farming on his own account in that county. Subsequently he removed to Douglas county, this state, where for two years he handled stock with James Ellers, a prominent stock dealer of Illinois, and while there his wife died, leaving two children, namely: Mena B., and Ruby, wife of Walter Ellis, a farmer of Newton.

After traveling for some time through different parts of the state, Mr. Eagleton came to Champaign in the winter of 1884–5, and here engaged in telephone work and later in carpentering until elected constable in June, 1897. Since then he has given the greater part of his time and attention to the duties of that office, but is also interested in the real estate business, buying and selling property for himself and as agent for others. He has handled real estate in Jasper county, and now owns property in Neoga. In connection with his official duties he has done considerable detective work, especially in connection with the murder of Snyder, who was killed on Thanksgiving day, 1899.

Mr. Eagleton has been twice married, his second wife being Mrs. Minnie (Conroy) Murphy, of Champaign, who by her first marriage had one son, Elmer Murphy, and by the second union there is also one child, Charles M. Eagleton, Jr. As a Republican our subject takes an active interest in political affairs, and does all in his power to advance the interests of his party. He is a prominent Odd Fellow; is past grand; has represented the lodge in the Grand lodge, is a member of the Encampment; and is district deputy of Champaign Lodge, No. 333. He is also official examiner and instructor on unwritten work in jurisdiction of this state.

BURT GORDON IJAMS, principal of the third ward school of Urbana, was born in that city, December 23, 1871, and is a son of Joseph R., and Margaret (Gordon) Ijams, the former a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, the latter of Michigan. The mother was the only child of Alexander and Catherine (Batty) Gordon, natives of London, England, and New York, respectively. They came west in 1835 and her mother died in Michigan at the age of seventy years, her father in Illinois, at the age of eighty-eight. They were members of the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. Mrs. Gordon was a daughter of William and Sarah Batty, who were also born in New York, and from that state removed to Pennsylvania, where they made their home for twenty years, but spent their last days

in Michigan. Mr. Batty was a farmer by occupation. In his family were seven children, three sons and four daughters, but only one is now living, Avaline, wife of Samuel Van Duzer, who lives near Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Lewis Ijams, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born in Maryland, in 1797, of Welsh descent, but spent the greater part of his early life in Ohio, where he served as quartermaster and colonel in the state militia. In 1851 he came to Illinois and became an extensive stock raiser near Bloomington. He married Eliza Rodman, who was born in Pennsylvania and was descended from old Quaker ancestry of Ireland. Both have been dead for many years. In their family were eleven children. Those living are: Joseph Rodman, father of our subject; Lewis E., who is mentioned below; George, a resident of Bloomington; Mrs. Mary Griffith, of Colorado; Charlotte, wife of Rev. J. W. Colwell, a member of the Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Jennie, who lives with her brother, Lewis E., and Mary, who lives in Boulder, Colorado. Lewis E. Ijams, uncle of our subject, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 21, 1841. He was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting first on the 10th of May, 1862, in Company F, Sixty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three months, and re-enlisting, April 1, 1863, in Company M, Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry. His first engagement was the battle of Jonesville against Longstreet's cavalry, where as orderly sergeant he commanded his company, repulsing a charge in a hand-to-hand encounter and meeting with heavy losses. He was severely wounded and taken prisoner with the entire command. After his recovery he was with the army sent against General Hood, and took part in the battles of Nashville, Columbia, Duck River and Franklin, having charge of his company and also the battalion a part of the time, although not a commissioned officer. A severe storm was raging during the battle of Nashville, and suffering from exposure he was obliged to go to the hospital on the second day of that engagement. He practically had command of his company for a year, and was discharged at Chicago, October 11, 1865, with the rank of captain. This company lost thirty-three men in Andersonville and other southern prisons. Captain Ijams now resides in Bloomington, and has served as county treasurer of McLean county for twelve or fifteen years.

About 1850, Joseph R. Ijams, father of our subject, came to Illinois and settled near Bloomington. In 1867 he came to Champaign, and is now living retired at No. 299 South Race street, Urbana. In early life he was interested in railroad business, and served as assistant superintendent of the Chicago division of the Wabash railroad for twelve years, ending about 1880. He, too, was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the early part of 1861, as a private in the Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He remained in the service four years and participated in many important battles, but fortunately was never wounded nor taken prisoner. He served in the office of General McNulta while the latter was at New Orleans. He had three children: Lewis A., who died in 1871, at the age of two years; Burt G., our subject; and Harriet Catherine, who is attending school at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ijams, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the Urbana high schools and the Illinois University, and in

1891 commenced teaching in the district schools of this county. He accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of Urbana in 1894, and two years later was made principal of the intermediate department. Since then he has been promoted to principal of the grammar department and is still filling that position in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, being one of the most thorough and competent teachers in the city. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega, a college fraternity, and of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN T. LUMSDEN, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is now living retired in Champaign, and is enjoying the fruits of his many years of honest industry and successful business enterprise. Respected and admired for what he has accomplished, and for the manly way in which he has met all of the obligations of citizenship, he has reason to be proud of his record, and to his children it will be a more desirable and lasting inheritance than wealth.

Mr. Lumsden comes of good old Virginia families, his parents, William and Lucy (Keelen) Lumsden, being natives of that state. Soon after their marriage, they removed to Kentucky, where the father owned a large plantation and kept numerous slaves until 1830, when he settled in Morgan county, Illinois. There he purchased or took up two hundred acres of land, and in addition to that, owned one hundred and twenty acres in Macoupin county. For years he was accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of his county, and though he was urged, on more than one occassion, to accept public positions, he persistently declined. Though born and reared in the south, he was strongly averse to secession, and, after the organization of the Republican party, he became one of its stanchest advocates. When a youth, attending school near Louisa, Virginia, he formed the acquaintance of Jefferson Davis, a student there also, and, personally, they were warm friends at that period. He and his devoted wife reared nine children, all of whom survive, namely: Susan, wife of John Bracewell, of Iowa; Martha, wife of Thomas Widdup, of Iowa; James, of Waverly, Illinois; Marion, of Green county; John; Nancy, wife of Howard Ayre, of England; Edward, of Monticello, Illinois; Mary, wife of Edward Wyatt, of Maryville, Illinois; and Angeline, a resident of the same town, and wife of Hardin Rimby. The father departed this life in 1890, when in his eighty-eighth year, and the mother was ninety at the time of her death.

John T. Lumsden was born April 16, 1839, in Morgan county, and when he was old enough he attended the nearest school, which was held in a log cabin about three miles away. The country was sparsely settled, and the schools were conducted upon the subscription plan. From the time that he was fourteen years of age until he was fully grown, the youth worked very hard on the farm, performing almost a man's labor, and doing heroic duty at clearing away timber and cultivating the land.

Lessons of patriotism and loyalty to the right had been early inculcated in young Lumsden's mind, and when his country called for brave and true men to come to her defense, he quickly responded, and on August 1, 1861, was enrolled as a private in Company G, First Missouri Cavalry. His service was in the west, where for



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nearly two years he and his comrades were obliged to fight the bushwhackers and border outlaws, who took advantage of the critical situation in Missouri to pillage and plunder, kill and destroy lives and property. Then, for a period, Mr. Lumsden was stationed in Little Rock and vicinity, and, besides participating in numberless skirmishes, he was actively engaged in the great battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove, and went on the famous march with Curtis from Pea Ridge to Helena. For three months he was on half rations, and his privations and thrilling experiences so severely taxed his strength, rugged country youth that he was, that on December 15, 1864. he was mustered out of the service on account of disability which he could no longer contend against. For two years after his return home he was on the invalid list, and at times it seemed that he never would recover even a tithe of his accustomed health and vitality.

On the 26th of March, 1866, Mr. Lumsden married Elizabeth Ayre, a native of Lancashire, England. She is a daughter of Jonas and Ann (Towers) Ayre, both of Lancashire, and her brothers, Richard and John, reside in Monticello, Illinois. Her sister Jane died in infancy and another sister, Parthenia, became the wife of our subject's brother, Edward. Jonas Ayre was a cabinet maker by trade, and for many years was engaged in taking large contracts for fine work in that line, employing skilled hands to execute his orders. In 1857, he came to the United States, and for twelve years engaged in contracting and building in Jacksonville, Illinois. Then he carried on a farm near Monticello for three years, after which he was practically retired, merely looking after his property interests. He died November 25, 1899, when nearly seventy-eight years of age, and his wife, who had died January 31, 1890, was then in her seventy-fourth year.

About two years subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Lumsden removed to a farm of eighty acres, in Colfax township. The tract was wild prairie, not a rod of the turf having been turned by a plow, and thus a great task confronted him. He built a small cabin and at once set about making necessary improvements upon the place, which, within a few years, bore little resemblance to the farm he had located upon. At different times he added land to his original farm, until it comprised two hundred acres, all in a body. He judiciously expended money in tiling, ditching, and innumerable improvements, and continued to dwell there until March, 1892, when he disposed of the property to Samuel Wills, and moved to Champaign. Later, he invested some of his means in four hundred and forty acres of land, located on sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, Hensley township. This is very desirable farm land, and at present it is being cultivated by our subject's sons, who, like their father before them, are practical, energetic agriculturists.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden four children were born. Robert T., the eldest, now a resident of Hensley township, married Alice Campbell, and has two children, Raymond and Nora. Richard Ayre married Nellie Dibble and lives in Hensley township. Their three children are named respectively: Sybil, Ruth and Richard. William E., who is engaged in business in Anderson, Indiana, chose Mary Stormfeldt for his wife. George L., who married Laura K. Young, makes his home in Anderson, also, and is employed as a skilled mechanic.

Fraternally, Mr. Lumsden belongs to Colonel Nadine Post, No. 420, G. A. R. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. The latter, in company with her father, visited her old home in Lancashire, England, in 1891, and greatly enjoyed the trip. Politically, Mr. Lumsden is a Republican, and his personal popularity was shown when he was elected as road commissioner in a strong Democratic township. He served in the capacity for twelve years, giving general satisfaction, and for ten years was one of the drainage commissioners of his district, which locality was the first one properly drained, the land now being as valuable as any other. For over twenty years he acted as a member of the board of education, and aided in building the first school in his district.

JOSEPH O'BRIEN. It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to the United States without capital, and from a position of comparative obscurity have worked their way upward to one of prominence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of opportunities offered brings to them success and wins them a place among the leading men of the community in which they reside. In Mr. O'Brien, a well-known civil engineer of Champaign, we find a worthy representative of this class.

He was born near Summerhill, County Meath, Ireland, February 13, 1836, a son of John and Margaret (Hoggarty) O'Brien. The father, a farmer and nurseryman by occupation, crossed the Atlantic in 1854, to Quebec, Canada, where he died that summer, leaving three children, two sons and one daughter, orphans at an early age in a strange country.

Our subject had received a good, practical education in the schools of his native land, and at Quebec, in 1854, he found employment on the railroad survey as chain bearer. As soon as he had saved enough money to pay his expenses, he studied civil engineering in the Royal Engineers School, at Hamilton, Upper Canada. On first coming to Illinois, in 1856, he was connected with the survey of the Peoria & Oquawka railroad, and when work was discontinued there he entered the service of the Illinois Central, being engaged in the construction of the road between Champaign and Centralia. On its completion he was made road master of the Mattoon division, which position he most satisfactorily filled until 1893. He not only saw the road built, but has seen it change from old chain rails and mud track to stone ballast and steel rails, becoming one of the modern roads of to-day. One winter he laid eighty-five hundred tons of steel rails on fifty miles of track while the trains were still running. He also had charge of building the South Chicago branch, and the first five miles of the Bloomington division, during which time he had several hundred men working under him. He has devoted the best years of his life to railroad construction, and during the last year he was connected with the road, he built the south yards, the coal chute and most of the side tracks in Champaign. He has made his home in this city since 1865, and in 1893 was appointed city engineer for a term of two years, during which time he laid out and constructed the main outlet for the sewers and made the surveys for the sewer system of Champaign.

Since 1895 he has been engaged in private civil engineering on drainage and construction work in several of the drainage districts of this and other counties of the state, now having charge of a number of such districts.

Mr. O'Brien married Miss Kate Duggan, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and a daughter of Dennis Duggan, who followed farming in that country, but after coming to America was a railroad man. He became a resident of Champaign in 1853, and here died in 1866. He was one of the earliest members of the Catholic church of that city, and it was in his house that the first collection was taken up to buy a lot for the church, he being the first subscriber. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Dougherty, died in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were married April 21, 1867, and the same year he erected a comfortable home on Walnut street, where they have now lived for a third of a century. Of the six children born to them, two are now deceased, one who died at the age of four years, and the other at the age of eight months. Those living are D. W., a locomotive engineer, living at Fort Scott, Kansas; Margaret H., Katheryn I. and Grace May. They have received good educational advantages, attending the parochial and high schools of Champaign and the University of Illinois.

Mr. O'Brien and his wife were also among the first members of the Catholic church of Champaign and started its first choir, with which he was connected for twelve years. He has always affiliated with the Republican party, and represented the third ward in the city council for some years, during which time the paving was in progress, many brick sidewalks were laid, and the sewers started. He is widely and favorably known on account of his sterling worth and many excellences of character, and well merits the success that he has achieved in life.

B C. STEPHENS, a leading and popular photographer of Urbana, Illinois, was born in Wood county, West Virginia, April 14, 1863, a son of John A. and Mary J. (Smith) Stephens. The father was born in the same county, April 27, 1827, and was a son of Thomas and Ethrilda (Dockins) Stephens, both natives of Virginia. He was the second child in their family, the other being Thomas, who spent his entire life as a farmer in Wood county, West Virginia. He was born December 18, 1824, and died near his birthplace, in the early '90s. In religious faith he was a Baptist. He married Mary Herdman, who passed away before his death. Their children were Thomas T., deceased; Winfield S.; Lewis D.; John A.; James A., deceased; Amanda; and Margaret.

John A. Stephens, father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and remained a resident of West Virginia until after the Civil war, during which struggle he served as captain of the Home Guards, receiving his commission from Governor Fletcher. In 1865 he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and took up his residence in Colfax township, where he owned and operated a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died in that faith. On the 7th of June, 1849, he married Miss Mary J. Smith, who was born in Harrison county, West Virginia, January 30, 1831, a daugh-

ter of Joseph and Margaret (Roby) Smith, natives of Virginia. Her father, who was also a farmer by occupation, came to Illinois in 1863, and located in Sadorus township. He was born October 20, 1809, and died May 23, 1873; and his wife was born August 10, 1810, and died April 6, 1864. Both were life-long and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Stephens also belongs. She is the oldest in their family of nine children, the others being as follows: (2) Catherine, born January 8, 1833, was married in April, 1849, to T. G. Spencer, now deceased, and she died in September, 1851. (3) Martha M., born March 20, 1835, was married in March, 1856, to A. B. Ball, by whom she had two children, Charles I. and Mrs. Alice Carey Lucas, and after his death she married Absalom House, now deceased, by whom she had three children: Etta, wife of J. D. Gardner; William; and Elmer. She died March 5, 1874. (4) Jennie Ann, born June 10, 1837, married H. Sams and died in May, 1873. (5) Gideon D., born August 3, 1839, was a Union soldier and non-commissioned officer in the First Virginia Cavalry during the Civil war. He was captured while on skirmish duty, having a new and unmanageable horse, and died in Belle Isle prison, March 17, 1863. (6) Dexter S. is now a member of the Methodist Episcopal conference in Missouri. He was a member of an Illinois regiment during the Civil war and remained in the service until hostilities ceased. He was taken prisoner in the south and was later paroled. For his first wife he married Emma Frost, by whom he had two sons: Frank, who was a soldier in the Spanish-American war; and George. For his second wife he married Hannah Boyington, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they have two children: Leverne and Foster C. (7) Morton B., born March 16, 1848, died in 1898, while pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Burlington, Missouri, having successfully labored in the ministry throughout life. He married Florence Bottome, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and had five children: Wilbur; Mabel, deceased; Ethel; Philip; and Loren E. (8) Joseph H., born August 23, 1851, is editor of the Downs Times, of Downs, Kansas. He married Mary H. Lochrie, of Champaign county, Illinois, and their children are Walter, Wardie, Mary A. and Margaret J.

To John A. and Mary J. (Smith) Stephens were born seven children: William Perry, born March 17, 1850, was a school teacher, and died June 13, 1875; Charles Webster, born December 10, 1851, died November 18, 1871; Joseph D., born May 10, 1854, engaged in farming and school teaching until his death, which occurred October 24, 1875; Thomas A., born August 31, 1858, and a farmer of Pesotum township, this county, married Lucy V. Sewell, and they have seven children, Carlisle, Robert Bruce, Nettie, John S., Thomas Earl, William and Hazel; Maggie, born November 3, 1860, was a school teacher and milliner, and died September 9, 1887; Boyd C., our subject, is next in order of birth; and Nettie A., born December 27, 1866, died March 28, 1888. The mother now makes her home with our subject at 112 West street, Urbana.

Mr. Stephens, whose name introduces this sketch, acquired the greater part of his education in the country schools, but also attended the Champaign high school for a time. Subsequently he successfully engaged in teaching school for three terms, and then followed farming for one season,

after which he was engaged in general merchandising at Mayview for several years. On selling out there he embarked in his present business at Urbana, in January, 1896, and is now one of the leading photographers of this section of the state. He not only receives a liberal share of the public patronage from Urbana, but has many patrons in Champaign and surrounding towns, having in one week received thirty dollars' worth of work from four business men of Champaign, unsolicited by him.

On the 2d of May, 1888, Mr. Stephens was united in marriage with Miss Laura N. Tackett, a daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Tackett, farming people of Tolono township, this county, in whose family were six children: Marion; Anna, who died at the age of thirty years; Dora; Laura N.; William, who died at the age of twenty-six years; and Blanche. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have four children, namely: Raymond, Russell, Paul and Ethel. The parents both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Stephens is also a prominent member of Urbana Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and served as deputy grand master and as representative to the grand lodge two years.

REV. A. J. WAGNER, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, of Champaign, ministers faithfully to the spiritual needs of his people and gives powerful and effective aid to all influences which work for the advancement of the community. Revered and loved by his own flock, he has also won the honor and esteem of all others who have seen his devotion to his noble calling.

Father Wagner was born and reared in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; was graduated from the Jesuit College at Fordham, New York, in 1875, and completed his theological studies by a three years' course at Overbrook, near Philadelphia. On the 13th of December, 1878, he was ordained by Rt. Rev. J. L. Spaulding, of Peoria, Illinois, and on the 20th of the same month came to Champaign as assistant pastor to Father P. Toner. On the 26th of July, 1879, he was appointed pastor of the church at Tolono, which had previously been a part of the Champaign parish and was the second church taken from it. While there Father Wagner improved the church and purchased a brick parsonage and twenty-five acres of land, and also erected a church at Broadlands, Critenden township, which he dedicated on Christmas Day, riding eleven miles to do it, although the thermometer was eighteen degrees below zero. He received his appointment as pastor of St. Mary's church, Champaign, May 4, 1888, and has remained here ever since, being an irremovable pastor, one of ten in his diocese.

Father Ryan founded a Catholic mission in Champaign, and once in every six weeks held mass on Walnut street from 1855 to 1858, there being but few Catholic families in that place at that time. Among the first to locate here were James Kelly, Martin Hurlburt, Frank Donley, Robert Graham, James O'Brien, Dennis Duggan and his son Daniel Duggan. In 1856 they took up a collection and bought a lot on Hickory street, but as it was inconvenient for the members of the church living at Urbana it was decided to locate at the present site of St. Mary's. Under Father Ryan the walls for a brick church were erected in 1856 or 1857, and were ready for a roof, when they

were blown down in a storm. About a year later, when the parish had somewhat recovered from their loss, a frame church was built by Father Ryan, who ministered to the congregation from Mattoon, at which place he died. Father Lambert then became first resident pastor of Champaign, but a year later was succeeded by Father Frolich. Prior to this time Fathers Ryan, Pendergast, Lambert, and others from Paris, Illinois, had charge of the church at this place, which was the first in the county, and from which have sprung those at Tolono, Ivesdale, Rantoul, Pesotum, Penfield, Philo, Broadlands and Thomasboro. Father Frolich was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Scanlan, who died here, and was followed by Rev. Thomas Ryan, who remained two years and then went to Paxton. He had the church lathed and plastered, seats put in, and the edifice enlarged. Following him was Father McIlvaine, who came direct from Ireland and returned to that country after one year.

In 1866 Rev. Patrick Toner was made pastor, and it was under his ministrations that in 1876 a two-story brick school building was erected and opened for use in 1878. It occupies a whole block bounded by Park, Church, Wright and Sixth streets. Owing to ill health, Father Toner returned to Ireland in May, 1879, and was succeeded by Father McDermott, whose stay here was of short duration, and who was succeeded by Rev. T. S. Keating, now pastor of St. Columbus church, of Ottawa, Illinois. It was during his pastorate that the plans were drawn for the new church and the contract let, but work was not begun until after he left.

As he was succeeded by Father Wagner it is to the untiring efforts of the latter that the parish now has a fine church, besides other valuable property. The corner stone was laid June 10, 1888, by Bishop Ryan, of Alton, it being the first corner stone laid by him as bishop. Four months later the building was completed at a cost of twenty-one thousand dollars, and during that time nineteen thousand had been raised, leaving only two thousand, which was subscribed on its dedication and paid in less than a year. The church has a seating capacity of about six hundred and fifty, and is finished in a most approved style, the frescoing and altar decorations being of the best, while the building is heated by steam. In 1895 Father Wagner built a beautiful parsonage of St. Louis pressed brick, in modern style of architecture, heated with hot water, and supplied with speaking tubes, bath and electric light. In connection with the church there is also a convent built by Father Keating in 1885 at a cost of five thousand dollars. One-half of this property on East Church street was purchased by him, while the other half on East Park street was bought by Father Toner. The Sisters of Notre Dame, Milwaukee, have charge of this convent, six of the sisters acting as teachers to something over two hundred pupils. Father Wagner now has at least one thousand souls in his charge. Under his ministry the congregation at Champaign has steadily increased, but no estimate of material progress can give one any idea of the great work he has done in molding and shaping to higher issues the lives of those to whom he gives his best thought.

OLIVER P. LOOMIS, deceased, was for several years a well-known groceryman and highly respected citizen of Urbana. He was born in North Coventry, Tolland coun-

ty, Connecticut, January 20, 1820, a son of Walter and Diantha (Babcock) Loomis, also natives of that state. The father was a mason by trade and built the bridge across the Potomac river at Washington, D. C., for which he never received his pay, although his partner received his share. He also built many of the roads in Virginia. He died in 1841, at about the age of forty-nine years, and his wife passed away in 1877, at the advanced age of ninety-five. Both were members of the Congregational church. In their family were eight children, namely: Sophronia married Andrew Gilmore, of New York state, and died in 1897, aged eighty-four years. Caroline married Reuben A. Chapman, who died in 1878, but she is still living in Hartford, Connecticut, at the age of ninety years. Mariva married Eleazer Hunt, and died in 1883, aged sixty-six years. Lydia is living in Makanda, Illinois, at the age of eighty-four years. Walter wedded Mary Harris and was a retired farmer of Makanda at the time of his death, which occurred in 1885. Oliver Porter, our subject, was the next in order of birth. Milo married Emeline Brown, who died September 11, 1896, and he died in Bridgeport, Connecticut, May 21, 1892, aged sixty-nine years. Catherine married Levi Moody, who died about 1880, but she is still living and makes her home in Bridgeport.

In his native state our subject grew to manhood and was married, December 27, 1842, by Rev. Isaac N. Sprague, of the Fourth Congregational church, of Hartford, Connecticut, to Miss Amelia Long. Her father, Oliver Long, was an excellent blacksmith, and did most of the work in that line in his neighborhood. His customers would await their turn, and if any happened to be there at dinner time, they were asked to partake of his meal that none might go away hungry. He was well and favorably known for a radius of many miles. He was born in North Coventry, Connecticut, June 7, 1783, and died April 4, 1842. On the 29th of March, 1808, he married Anna Porter, also a native of North Coventry, who was born June 3, 1782, and died February 12, 1860. She was a member of Rev. George Calhoun's Congregational church of North Coventry, Connecticut. Her parents were Noah and Submit (Cook) Porter, and their children were Adenath, Submit, Lucretia, Anna, Noah, Zelotus, Ebenezer and Joseph.

Mrs. Loomis, born January 30, 1816, is the youngest in a family of five children, and the only one now living, the others being as follows: (1) Otis G., born November 26, 1808, was married November 21, 1830, to Calista Williams, now deceased, and he died August 29, 1863. They had five sons. (2) Revilo, born August 28, 1811, was married April 1, 1834, to Jason C. Keach, and died February 18, 1860, leaving one child, Adelaide, wife of Alfred Andres. (3) Mary Ann, born December 9, 1814, was married January 2, 1865, to Charles Sawyer, and died January 19, 1892. He died in July, 1896. (4) Flora, born March 29, 1816, was married, February 9, 1841, to William Webster, who died about 1865, and she died March 12, 1897.

To our subject and his wife were born five daughters, namely: (1) Elvertine Amelia, born August 31, 1843, died at Colebrook River, Connecticut, at the age of six years and ten months. (2) Isabella Imogene, born November 18, 1845, married Edward Norton, and they have one child, Carrie Belle, who has been a teacher in the University of Illinois. They reside with Mrs. Loomis in Urbana. (3) Joseph-

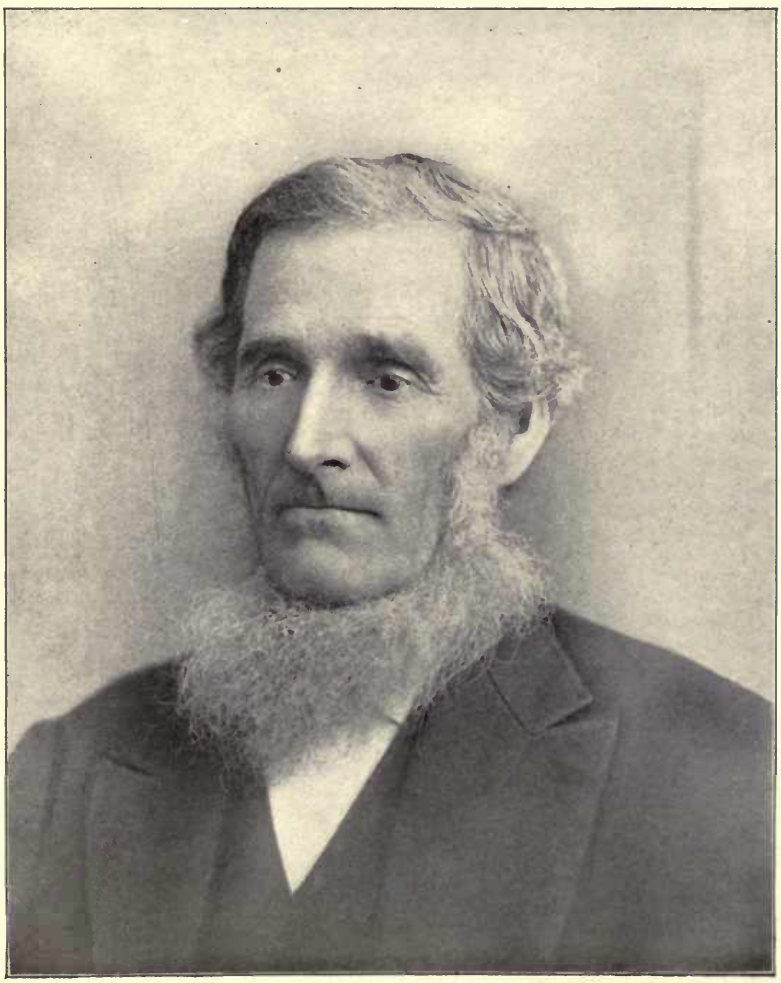
ine Rosalie, born January 17, 1852, died in 1852, at the age of eight months. (4) Katie Adele, born May 1, 1854, died September 11, 1868. (5) Carrie Eudora, born May 3, 1856, married James A. Campbell, who died May 21, 1898, at the age of fifty-six years, leaving one child, Grace Amelia.

In early life Mr. Loomis was superintendent of a cotton mill at Colebrook River, Litchfield county, Connecticut. On the 11th of September, 1862, he laid aside all personal interests and entered the service of his country, becoming a member of Company F, Nineteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, which was afterward converted into the Second Connecticut Heavy Artillery. He was commissioned second lieutenant of his company, and was later made first lieutenant of Company D. While serving in the infantry his company did patrol duty at Alexandria, Virginia, from the fall of 1862 until the following spring. Later three of the companies, D, F and G, of his regiment were sent to garrison Fort Ellsworth, where his daughter Emogene remained with him from July to March, 1864. Prior to this time his wife and two daughters had been with him at the fort. His first engagement was with the Army of the Potomac in the battle of Cold Harbor, where they lay in the trenches for forty-eight hours, and where the commander of the regiment, Colonel Kellogg, was killed, being shot five times. When last seen he was on his knees giving orders. Mr. Loomis was a member of a picked company from Litchfield county, and, like many of its members, was past the required age for military service. He had charge of the barracks at Fort Williams, which was garrisoned by Companies D, I and B, but many of the recruits proved bounty jumpers, and one morning he found that fifty of these had disappeared. After two years of faithful service Mr. Loomis resigned on account of ill health and returned home.

In November, 1877, he came West, and first located in Cobden, Union county, Illinois, where he engaged in the grocery business for six years, and in 1882 removed to Urbana, where, in partnership with hisson-in-law, Mr. Campbell, he opened a grocery and bakery, under the firm name of Loomis & Campbell. He continued his connection with that business until his death, which occurred July 21, 1891. He was buried with military honors by Black Eagle Post, No. 157, G. A. R., of which he was a member. In politics he was a stanch Republican. His upright, honorable life won for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, and he was highly esteemed wherever known. Mrs. Loomis, who still makes her home in Urbana, is a most estimable lady of many sterling qualities, and has a large circle of friends in the community.

ALFRED SPRADLING is one of Champaign's highly respected citizens, whose useful and well-spent life has not only gained for him the confidence of his fellow men but has also secured for him a comfortable competence which enables him to lay aside all business cares and spend his declining days in ease and retirement.

Mr. Spradling was born in Franklin county, Indiana, May 17, 1823, a son of John and Betsy (Chapman) Spradling, natives of South Carolina and Tennessee, respectively. His paternal grandfather was born in one of the eastern states and from



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there removed to South Carolina, where he owned and conducted a tobacco plantation. The father of our subject was a soldier of the war of 1812, a member of the land forces. He continued his residence in his native state until after his marriage, when he moved to Indiana, becoming one of the very early settlers of Franklin county, and taking up a tract of government land, he developed from the unbroken forest two fine farms in the White Water bottoms. In 1851 he came to La Salle county, Illinois, where he and his wife spent their remaining days, both dying at about the age of eighty-two years. He had prospered in his undertakings and was quite well-to-do. In his family were twelve children, namely: Sarah, William, Polly, Nancy, John, Elizabeth, Enoch, James, Thomas, Rebecca, Alfred and Lear. All are now deceased with the exception of our subject and Rebecca, who is living near Brookville, Franklin county, Indiana.

In the county of his nativity, Alfred Spradling grew to manhood, and was educated in an old log school house with puncheon floor, slab benches, and greased newspapers for windows. The scholars generally paid a dollar and a half per quarter for their tuition, and the teacher boarded around among them. Our subject had to walk about three miles to school, and was then only able to attend three months in winter, as his services were needed on the farm throughout the remainder of the year. In this way he continued his studies until about twenty years of age.

Mr. Spradling remained at home with his parents until he was married, May 4, 1844, to Miss Amy Jane Peterson, also a native of Franklin county. She had a better chance of obtaining an education than her husband, as the school house was located upon her father's farm, and it was at that primitive educational institution that she and Mr. Spradling became acquainted. Her parents were John and Edith (Clifton) Peterson, both natives of New Jersey, the former born in 1794, the latter, August 21, 1796. They continued their residence in that state a few years after their marriage, but, in 1818, moved to Franklin county, Indiana, where the father took up government land in the timber and cleared and improved a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He subsequently added to it and became quite a prosperous farmer. In 1853 he sold his property in Indiana and came to La Salle county, Illinois, where he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land, making that his home for a few years, but finally removed to Philo, Champaign county, where he died in 1873, his wife in 1877. They were the parents of fourteen children: Samuel, Benjamin, Mary, Henry, Sarah, John, Elizabeth, Catherine, Amy J., Ruth, Charlotte, Clara, Annie W. and Hannah. Those living are Catherine, Amy J., Ruth, Charlotte and Hannah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Spradling have been born eleven children, as follows: Elizabeth died at the age of eighteen years. Sarah is the wife of Harvey Cunningham, of Marshalltown, Iowa. Hartley wedded Mary E. Baker, and died in 1894, leaving a widow who resides in Urbana. Emory married Frances Harrington, and died in 1843. His wife also died, leaving a two-year-old child, who was reared by our subject and his wife, and is now the wife of Fred Street, of McPherson, Kansas. Alpheus married Emma Turner and died in Las Vegas, New Mexico, while there for his health. His widow is living in Missouri. Albert L. married Hannah

Owens, and engaged in the hardware business in Hoopeston, Illinois. Ami N. married Ameda Wymer and died at the age of forty-two years. Stephen H. married Ella Phares and is engaged in the hardware business in Saybrook. George S. died at the age of fifteen years. Kate S. is the wife of Frank Phares, a grocer of Lincoln, Nebraska. Frank married Betty Taylor, and is engaged in the grocery and hardware business in Ogden, Illinois.

After his marriage, Mr. Spradling operated his father's farm on the shares for a time, and would haul his grain and wood to Cincinnati, it requiring six days to make the round trip. In 1851, he, too, moved to La Salle county, Illinois, taking a steamer at Cincinnati and floating down the Ohio river to the Mississippi. He then went up that stream and the Illinois to La Salle, where he landed his team and proceeded across the country to Mission Grove township—his destination. There he purchased eighty acres of unimproved land, to which he added another eighty-acre tract two years later, making a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he continued to cultivate until his removal to this county in 1864. In Philo township he bought three hundred and twenty acres known as the Griffs farm, upon which he made his home for sixteen years, and on disposing of that tract bought another farm of similar size in Cheney Grove township, McLean county, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising, shipping from two to three car loads of stock annually. In 1890, he sold his half-section of land in that county and moved to Gibson City, but only remained there a few months before coming to Champaign, where he built a comfortable residence in 1891, and is now living a retired life. In his farming operations he met with the success that usually follows the industrious and enterprising man, and is now enabled to live in ease and comfort upon the proceeds of his former life of toil. He still has eighty acres of land in Ogden township purchased by him in 1884, and also has four town lots in Ogden and five in Champaign. In early life he was a Whig, but since the organization of the Republican party he has been one of its stanch supporters. He served as pathmaster or road commissioner in Franklin county, Indiana, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He and his estimable wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Champaign, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance on account of their sterling worth and many excellences of character.

JESSE R. GULICK, a leading and prominent attorney of Champaign, who has made his home in this county since 1858, was born on a farm near Darbyville, Pickaway county, Ohio, between Columbus and Circleville, December 8, 1840, and is a member of an old colonial family of Holland origin, which was founded in this country by four representatives of the name. His great-grandfather, Ferdinand Gulick, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and made his home in Virginia, where his death occurred. Our subject has in his possession a deed which conveyed land to him, in 1794, on the road from Winchester to Rumney, in what is now West Virginia. The grandfather, John Gulick, was a soldier of the war of 1812 from Virginia, having been a member of the militia in that state. He married a

Miss Lee, who belonged to the same family as Robert E. Lee. About 1817, he removed with his family to Ohio, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of Pickaway county, where he purchased land and spent his remaining days.

Joseph Gulick, the father of our subject, was probably born in Loudon county, Virginia, and was a child of three years when the family removed to Pickaway county, Ohio, where he was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day in a new country, his home being a log cabin on a farm. On reaching manhood he married Miss Eliza Hillery, who was born and reared near Kingston, Pickaway county. Her father, John Hillery, was a soldier of the war of 1812 from Ohio, and was also a farmer by occupation. After his marriage Mr. Gulick, the father of the subject of our sketch, began farming on his own account in Pickaway county, where he continued to make his home until 1858, which year witnessed his arrival in Newcomb township, Champaign county, Illinois. Later he lived in Piatt county, this state, and finally went to Jasper county, Missouri, where he died in September, 1897. His widow is still living in that county. For years he was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and during his residence in this state held membership in the church at Mahomet.

Our subject was the second child and eldest son in a family of twelve children. His early education was acquired in the common schools of Pickaway county, Ohio, and after coming to Champaign county, Illinois, he successfully engaged in teaching school for two years. During the following three years he attended the Asbury University, now the Depauw University, a Methodist Episcopal institution, of Greencastle, Indiana, and for one year thereafter he taught school in Macon county, this state. In 1866 he began the study of law with Coler & Smith, the junior member of the firm being judge of this circuit for eighteen years. Mr. Gulick was admitted to the bar by the supreme court in April, 1867, and the following year engaged in practice in Champaign. He then went to Vandalia, where he remained two years and while there was examiner and assistant county superintendent of schools. As he was about to leave that place, in 1870, he was tendered the nomination for prosecuting attorney by his party, which at that time was equivalent to an election, as the party was largely in the majority, but having already made arrangements to return to Champaign, he declined the honor. Here he has since engaged in private practice, with the exception of a short time spent in farming, and has a large general practice, trying many cases before the supreme and appellate courts and meeting with most excellent success. He has been connected with several of the most important land cases on trial in the county. He is thoroughly versed in the law, is a man of deep research and careful investigation and his skill and ability are widely recognized. He still owns a fine farm of over a section in Newcomb township, and while superintending the operation of the same he made his home in Mahomet for four years after his return from Vandalia. He was one of the first attorneys to locate there and took an active part in booming the town.

In 1867 Mr. Gulick married Miss Louisa L. Everett, who was born and reared in this county, and is a daughter of Joseph T. and Jemima (Piper) Everett, natives of

Kentucky, where they were married in 1841 and soon after removed from Lewis county, that state, to this county, and for a time the father engaged in farming in Newcomb township, but later followed merchandising in Champaign, where he died in June, 1878. To Mr. and Mrs. Gulick were born six children, namely: Edward E., a graduate of the University of Illinois, class '92, and later pursued a theological course at Shurtliff College, and was graduated from that institution; Joseph Piper, who is mentioned below; Roscoe E., an attorney of Sheldon, Illinois; Clyde D., who is now attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago; Maggie Grace, a member of the junior class of the University of Illinois; and Wilbur, the youngest member of the high school of Champaign. Three of the sons are graduates of the University of Illinois, but Roscoe was educated at Valparaiso, Indiana, and also attended lectures at the law department of the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois. The family have an elegant home at No. 209 West Church street.

Mr. Gulick is a supporter of the Democratic party, and takes an active and prominent part in local politics, having served as a member of various committees and as a delegate to different state conventions. He was also a delegate to the convention which nominated Judge Smith the first time he was elected. During his residence in Mahomet, Mr. Gulick served as police magistrate for four years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at that place, and was made a Mason there about 1888, but dimitted to Champaign in 1891, and is now a member of the lodge and chapter in this city, and of the council at Urbana, and Urbana Commandery, No. 16, K. T. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gulick are prominent members of the Baptist church of Champaign, of which he was deacon for eight years, and was trustee when the new church was erected. He was also elected chairman of the building committee, but resigned that position. He had previously served as chairman of the building committee when the parsonage was built. He has been a resident of Champaign county for over forty years, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen has given his support to all measures for the public good. His career has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of his fellow citizens, and he is held in high regard by all who know him.

Joseph P. Gulick, who is engaged in the practice of law with his father at Champaign, under the firm name of Gulick & Gulick, was born in Vandalia, Illinois, December 20, 1870, and began his education in the country schools. He attended the high school at Mahomet, and then entered the University of Illinois, where he pursued the literary course and was graduated in 1892. He was a member of the Philomathen Literary Society and took the second prize in the declamatory contest. During the senior year the honors are excelsior orator and excelsior president. He was elected orator, and delivered the oration at the anniversary of the placing of the excelsior statue in the hall, it being the gift of Lorado Taft. After his graduation he was principal of the Savoy schools for three years, during which time he read law with his father, and in 1895 was admitted to the bar by examination before the appellate court at Mt. Vernon. He then formed a partnership with his father and has since engaged in practice. During his first year he took a case to the appellate court and had it reversed by the same court

that admitted him. He is a fine orator and in his lodge work, etc., is called upon to deliver many addreses. He was made a Mason in 1893, at Western Star Lodge, No. 240, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been worshipful master since December, 1897, being twice elected to that office, and has represented the lodge in the grand lodge three times, first when senior warden. He is captain of hosts in the chapter, also a member of the council, and is at present senior warden of the commandery. It was under his administration that the Masonic Temple was purchased at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars. At present he is chairman of the temple committee, and is also a member of Saxa Ruba Conclave, No. 2, Red Cross of Constantine, another Masonic body.

REV. NATHAN S. MORRIS, an honored and highly respected citizen of Urbana, now living a retired life, is one of the men who make old age seem the better portion of life. For many years he labored untiringly in the Master's cause as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and after a long career of usefulness can well afford to lay all cares aside and spend the sunset of life in ease and quiet in his pleasant home at No. 501 West High street.

Mr. Morris was born near Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, December 6, 1830, a son of John and Maria (Burson) Morris, also natives of that state. The father, who was a turner and machinist by trade, died at an early age, and in 1835, the mother, with their only child—our subject—moved to Kalamazoo county, Michigan, where he was reared as a farmer boy. He was educated in the common schools of his day, and in 1851 commenced teaching school, which profession he followed for six or seven terms before entering the ministry. His advantages for obtaining a good scholastic training were limited, but by perseverance and close application he obtained a liberal education, and his labors in life have been productive of great good.

Returning to his native state, he joined the Central Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and began preaching in 1854, at Wapakoneta, Auglaize county. In 1855, he had charge of Arcanum circuit, Dark county, and in 1856 of Quincy circuit, Logan county, and of Zanesville circuit, in 1850. While there he often passed the spot where Simon Kenton, the great Indian hunter, ran the gauntlet, and the cabin where that warrior lived. Mr. Morris' next circuit was Fort Recovery—the battle ground where St. Claire was defeated. The small stream running through this is said to have been red with the blood of those slain. Our subject's last charge in Ohio was at Mt. Victory, Hardin county.

Coming to Illinois in 1860, Mr. Morris organized the Bruillets Creek circuit, in Edgar county, where the flourishing town of Chrisman now stands. In the fall of 1863 he was appointed to the Urbana circuit, then known as the Champaign circuit and remained here two years. In 1865 he was appointed to Blue Grass (now Potomac), Illinois, where the following year was passed. His next charge was Bloomfield circuit, Edgar county, in 1866, near where he first started in the state, and from there he went, in 1867, to Oakland, Coles county, where he remained two years. The following two years were passed in charge of Myersville circuit, followed by a year at Catlin, near Danville, and a year at Savoy in

Champaign county. Two years at De Witt, De Witt county, closed his itinerancy in 1877, when he took a superannuated relation owing to failing health. He has since filled appointments for others, but has accepted no regular charge. His work in the ministry was very effective and he was the means of bringing many souls to Christ. Formerly he was a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies, but at present is not connected with any secret organization.

On the 5th of April, 1857, Mr. Morris married Miss Matilda A. Patton, who was born September 29, 1839, at Quincy, Logan county, Ohio. She is a lady of many excellent traits of character, and has ever been an encouragement and inspiration to her husband in his work for the betterment of mankind. She is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and as a mother has been keenly devoted to the best interests of her home and children, rearing them wisely and giving them the benefits of a good education. Her parents were Felix and Sarah Patton, natives of Ohio. Her father was engaged in farming near Quincy, Logan county, that state, until 1859, when he came to Illinois, locating first in Edgar county. He lived at several different places in this state, spending five or six years in Urbana, where his wife died at the age of sixty-two years. His death occurred in Sanford, Indiana, in 1881, at the age of seventy-four. Both he and his wife were born in 1807. They were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were worthy of the high regard in which they were universally held. Mrs. Morris is the only one of their eight children now living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris were born three children: (1) Charles Luther, born in Fort Recovery, February 11, 1859, died on Mt. Victory circuit, February 26, 1860. (2) Alice is the wife of Rev. D. G. Dubois, of the Illinois conference, now stationed at Griggsville, was born at Blue Grass, March 29, 1866. He is a graduate of the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, and of the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Illinois. He has finished successful pastorates at Monticello, St. Joseph, Ludlow, Fithian, Rankin and Fisher, in all of which Mrs. DuBois has been a very efficient helper both in church and pastoral work. Mr. and Mrs. Dubois have two children, Lucile and Lenore. (3) Mrs. Flora M. Sims, who, with her child (Charles B. Sims, Jr.), is living with her parents in Urbana, born at Oakland, Coles county, March 9, 1868, is an artist of rare ability. She has made a specialty of animal painting and in this line has been remarkably successful. She spent three years in the art department of the University, and to this has added a careful and painstaking study of horses and other domestic animals. The animal pictures are for the most part in oil, which is her favorite medium, and they display, besides the necessary touch in choosing and laying on the colors, a remarkable eye for detail and technique. Her pictures have received the highest praise from competent critics, and she has received many orders for work. She also possesses considerable ability as a sculptor, and has made a life-size bust of her little boy, which is a fine piece of work. She paints from nature with ease and accuracy. She is a woman of noble qualities, of pleasing presence and deservedly popular, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church choir of Urbana, which is probably the best choir to be found in any city of ten thousand inhabitants in the state.

JOHN E. YEATS, a prominent and successful florist of Champaign, who is engaged in business on the corner of Springfield avenue and South Third street, was born in Sadorus, this county, November 2, 1870, a son of Andrew J. and Mary (Peat) Yeats. The father was born December 15, 1837, and came to Sadorus sometime in the '40s, when this region was all wild and unimproved, and the present flourishing city of Champaign was unmarked by a single habitation. Here the grandfather, Zethomyer Yeats, owned a half-section of land, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for many years, and upon that place he died when nearly ninety years of age. Our subject's father also purchased a tract of wild land and engaged in farming in early life. He married Miss Mary Peat, of Sadorus, who was born in England, and came to this country when twelve years old, with her father, David Peat, also a pioneer land owner of Sadorus.

Some years ago Mr. Peat went to Barber county, Kansas, where he was killed by a fall, but his widow is still living and now makes her home in Champaign. The father of our subject was quite a prominent Democrat and influential citizen of Sadorus, and held the office of constable at that place for some years. In 1873 he came to Champaign, where he was a member of the police force for a time, and is now engaged in the grocery business. He and his wife have a family of seven children, all of whom are still living and are now married.

John E. Yeats, of this review, was principally educated in the common and high schools of Champaign, and after leaving school spent six years in the employ of different florists, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business. In 1893 he purchased the corner lot now occupied by him, and erected thereon three small greenhouses. At first he gave his attention almost entirely to the raising of flowers for the local trade, and meeting with success in the undertaking he has enlarged his plant until he now has twelve thousand feet under glass, it being the largest in this section of the state. Over one mile of pipe is used in heating his place and two base-burning boilers, and all of the latest improvements needed in the business are there found. He has invented an automatic attachment that will ring as soon as heat begins to leave the pipes. This he has patented and has been successful in selling it to many of the florists of different large cities. He now ships the most of his cut flowers to Chicago, where, owing to their superiority, they find a ready sale at the highest market price. He has raised carnations that were three and a half inches across. He has given several flower shows in Champaign, and devotes much time to the study of floriculture that he may improve on his own and others' methods. He is also a member of the Society of American Florists, and attended its conventions in Omaha in 1898, Detroit in 1899, and New York in 1900. He is artistic in his tastes, and has decorated the halls for the majority of important entertainments at the university. He now owns about a quarter of a block of ground, which he has converted into a beautiful place, and besides his greenhouses he has erected a pleasant residence thereon for his own use.

On the 5th of October, 1892, Mr. Yeats was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Marshall, of Springfield, Illinois, who was born in Missouri, but was reared and educated in Springfield. Her father, J. J. Marshall, was born in New York, and when

a young man came to this state, locating near Springfield, where he married Martha Lord. Subsequently he lived for a few years in Jefferson City, Missouri, and then returned to Springfield, where he engaged in buying and shipping stock, in which business he has been interested since twelve years old. He is still a resident of that city and is one of its highly respected citizens, but his first wife, the mother of Mrs. Yeats, died in 1875, when her daughter was only four years old. In 1879 he married Martha Jackson, who is still living. Our subject and his wife had two children: Camelia Rose, deceased, and J. Marshall. They are members of the Baptist church, and he was formerly a Democrat in politics, but not favoring the free coinage of silver, he now votes independent of party lines. He has been solicited to run for alderman, but prefers to give his undivided attention to his business interests.

HON. MILTON W. MATHEWS, deceased, was for many years one of the most influential and highly esteemed citizens of Champaign county, one whose influence was felt not alone in the county of his adoption, but throughout the entire state. He was a native of the state, born in Marshall, Clark county, March 1, 1846, and was a son of John R., and Mary (McNeil) Mathews, both of whom were natives of Coshocton county, Ohio. Both are now deceased, the latter dying August 12, 1854, and the former October 12, 1884. John R. Mathews was a veteran of the Civil War, enlisting first as a private in Company F, 36th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, from which he was discharged for disability after one year's service, and later serving in an Indiana Battery.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were spent in his native county and in Wayne county, Indiana, removing with his father to the latter county in 1859. Like many of the best man of his country he was reared on a farm, attending to farm duties during the summer months, and in the winter securing such knowledge as could be obtained in the country schools. He later took an academic course, completing his studies at the Dublin Academy, under the tutorship of Professor John Cooper. In April, 1865, he followed his father to Champaign county, Illinois, and located at Philo, but soon afterwards commenced teaching school at Yankee Ridge. While engaged in this occupation he began reading law, and in the spring of 1867, he moved to Urbana, and, under the instruction of G. W. Gere, continued his studies. In August of that year he passed a successful examination, and was admitted to the bar.

Shortly after his admission Mr. Mathews formed a partnership with his preceptor, which relation was continued for two years, after which he continued alone in practice, building up a large and lucrative business. In 1873 he was appointed Master in Chancery, and held that office nine years in succession, rendering to the court and bar of the county the utmost satisfaction. In that office he was often called upon to pass upon legal questions of the most intricate character, to which he gave careful attention, his conclusions being found generally correct. In 1876, he was nominated by the Republican party for States Attorney, and though opposed by the combined votes of the Democratic and independent parties, was elected by a majority of six hundred



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and fifteen votes. He proved himself to be a most trustworthy representative of the people in the courts, and was veritably a terror to evil-doers. Ingenious in the management of cases, he had almost an intuitive knowledge of the ways of the criminal class, and punctured with his keen thrusts the many pretences of clever criminals, set up to deceive and mislead juries. Never in the history of the county was the criminal business in the courts better managed than during Mr. Mathews' two terms of office, for at the end of his first term he was re-elected for another term of four years, retiring from the position in 1884.

In 1888 Mr. Mathews was elected a member of the State Senate by a majority greater by several hundred than his party had ever been able to give any candidate since 1872. In that body he at once took a commanding position, being recognized as one of its leaders. Though a new member of the body, he was unamiously elected pro-tem president of the Senate. His services as a member of the election committee were of great advantage to the party, while at the same time he was just to his opponents. No man in that body had a keener insight into public affairs, or could secure greater assistance in the passage of public measures. All his measures found supporters and he proved a faithful and efficient representative of his district and especially of the great interests of the State University. To his labors and influence, the University in largely indebted for the liberal appropriations secured, and the magnificent buildings completed. Early in his term as Senator he was commissioned to the honorary office of Colonel, upon the staff of Governor Fifer, whose greatest confidence and respect he secured and retained. By many of the leading Republican newspapers of the state, as well as by politicians generally, he was mentioned for the office of Governor of the state, and had he lived would doubtless have filled that honorable position.

In 1879 Mr. Mathews purchased the office and good will of the Champaign County Herald, with which paper he was identified until his death. For some years he was the sole editor and proprietor, but later he associated with him in its editorial management, L. A. McLean. As an editorial writer he was fearless in the advocacy of what he considered right, and the principles of the republican party being dear to his heart, he advocated them in the strongest terms, and in due time the Herald was recognized as one of the ablest champions in the state of the men and measures of the party. Early in his editorial life they recognized his power by electing him twice in succession as president of the Illinois State Editorial Association and as often their representative to the National Association.

On the 21st of October, 1869, Mr. Mathews was united in marriage with Miss Julia R. Foote, of Urbana, but a native of Ohio, and daughter of William J. and Lucy M. (Alcott) Foote, natives respectively of New York and Connecticut. William J. Foote was born in Menden, Monroe county, New York, September 10, 1817. He was of a long lived family. His paternal grandfather, Charles Foot (whose ancestors came from Colchester, England, and founded the town of Colchester, Connecticut), was a soldier in the revolutionary war, and died at the age of eighty-nine years. The father of William J., also named Charles, lived for one hundred and two years and seven months, and died in 1883. He voted at the presidential elections from Thomas Jef-

ferson to Garfield, and remembered all the elections, including that of Washington, the first time in 1789.

In his native state William J. Foote learned the business of brickmaking and in 1855, when he came to Urbana, engaged in the manufacture of brick, in which he continued until 1871. He made the brick for the courthouse, the Methodist Episcopal church in Urbana, and for about all the brick buildings both in Urbana and Champaign, that were erected prior to 1871. In politics he was originally a Whig, and later a Republican, voting an unscratched ticket ever since that party was born until the time of his death. Lucy M. (Alcott) Foote was the youngest daughter of Medad Alcott, whose ancestors for five generations are traced back to Thomas Alcott, who came over with Governor Winthrop in 1630. His father, John Alcott, was Lord Chancelor of England, under King Henry VII. Mrs. Foote was a double cousin of A. Bronson Alcott, the Concord Philosopher. She died in October, 1899, at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Foote died July 2, 1888, at the age of seventy years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mathews two children were born: Mae and Clyde Milton. The former is the wife of W. A. Nicolaus, of New York, who is a traveling salesman, representing a New York firm. The latter is a student in the law department of the University of Illinois. Mrs. Mathews, with her son, resides in the family residence in Elm street, Urbana, which has been her home for some years.

Fraternally Mr. Mathews was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Mutual Aid and Modern Woodmen of America. For six or eight years he was one of the trustees of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid in Illinois, and was highly instrumental in placing the order on a secure foundation. He was also chairman of the board of trustees of the Modern Woodmen of America for a time, and was of great assistance in the establishment of that order on a permanent basis. Though never a member of any church, he was a firm believer in Christianity and its effect upon society, and had no sympathy nor patience with the modern doctrines of rationalism which offers to supplant what he believed to be revealed religion, with the uncertain and unfounded philosophy of the sneering cynic. He believed in God, his church and his providence over the affairs of men.

As a citizen Mr. Mathews was always enterprising and an earnest advocate of everything having a tendency to advance the material interests of his adopted city and county. He was instrumental in the organization of the Building and Loan Association of Urbana, and for some years served as its president. A stock holder and director in the First National Bank of Urbana, by his wise counsel, he assisted in giving that institution a recognized standing in the community for conservative management. He also became the owner of considerable valuable real estate in Urbana, including the Herald block.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1892, Mr. Mathews passed to his reward. For months he struggled for life and his friends and admirers hoped against hope for the extension of that life which had in it so much of blessing for his family, delight for himself and hope for his country. His funeral, which was held on Saturday, May 14, was under the auspices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

and lodges of that order were present from all the surrounding towns. There were also lodges of the Knights of Pythias from the surrounding towns, and the Modern Woodmen of America had also its representatives. All of these orders united with the orders in Urbana in the services. The board of supervisors, the bar of the county, the faculty and battalion of the University of Illinois, and the city councils of Urbana and Champaign formed part of the procession. A special train from Springfield brought Governor Fifer and his staff, the state officers, and many prominent citizens of that city. The services were held in the military building of the University, which, although having a capacity to seat five thousand people, was soon filled, and hundreds turned away, not being able to gain admittance. Resolutions of respect were passed by the city councils of Champaign and Urbana, and expressions of sympathy were sent to the bereaved family from various parts of the state and nation. No man in Champaign county will be more greatly missed than Milton W. Mathews. His eloquent, persuasive lips are sealed in death, never again to sway multitudes and influence campaigns. On the stump, from early manhood, he was always a power. Political managers recognized this and drew largely upon him for his services both in this and other states. In his efforts he won for himself the plaudits of discriminating hearers. As lawyer, senator, political writer, and as an advocate upon the hustings, he was always popular. Jovial in manner and disposition, much of his popularity and success in life was no doubt due to that trait in his character. Ambitious young men may well aspire to his attainments, while but few can ever reach them.

W A. MULLIN, deputy postmaster of Urbana, has for several years been prominently identified with the public affairs of that city, and has most creditably and satisfactorily filled several important official positions. He is a progressive man, pre-eminently public-spirited, and all that pertains to the public welfare receives his hearty endorsement.

Mr. Mullin was born in Bedford, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1851, and is a son of J. M. and Eliza (Hazlett) Mullin, also natives of that state, the former born in Carlisle, May 22, 1828, the latter in Bedford, September 6, 1828. In 1854 they became residents of this county. Sampson Mullin, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was proprietor of a paper mill in Carlisle. The father followed the blacksmith's trade in early life, but is now conducting a general store in Seymour and also deals in grain and coal. He filled the office of justice of the peace in Pesotum township for twelve years, and was town clerk for four years. Both he and his wife are active and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Seymour, with which he has been officially connected for many years. For more than half a century they have traveled life's journey together, sharing its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and they merit and receive the confidence and respect of all who know them.

Of the six children born to this worthy couple, our subject is the eldest; Marietta is the wife of E. S. Golden, of Urbana, and they have three children, Archibald S., George A. and Cecil L.; Jacob M., a resident of Seymour, married Emma Vanmeter, and they have two children, Glenn and Carl; Lida is the wife of W. T. Harvey, of Urbana, and they have two children, May

and Clyde; Charles N., a resident of Seymour, married Ella Allison, who died December 22, 1899, at the age of thirty-four years, leaving three children, Inez, Lloyd and Gladys; and Emma is the wife of Douglas Osborne, of Urbana, and they have two children, Lela and Dean.

W. A. Mullin was reared on the home farm in Pesotum township, this county, and was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. He began life for himself as a farmer and continued to follow that occupation for many years. He was married, March 8, 1877, to Miss Rosella A. Johnson, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Johnson. The mother died in 1861, but the father is still living and a resident of Pesotum township, having come to this county from Lebanon, Ohio, in 1855. He owns a well-improved and valuable farm of three hundred acres in that township, but has now retired from active labor. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Mullin's mother also belonged. There were four children born to them, namely: Rosella A., wife of our subject; Mary A., wife of Frank Shepherd, of Urbana, by whom she has three children, Elizabeth, wife of William Becker, Roy and Clyde; James D., a liveryman of Deland, Illinois, who married Ida Starkey, and has four children, David, Charles, James and May; Caroline, who married S. A. Crawford, a farmer of Pesotum township, and died at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving five children, Stella, Lemuel, Daisy, Edwin and Clark. For his second wife the father married Sarah Corns, and they have one son, Charles B., of Pesotum, who married Ida Perkins and has four children, Charles, Earl, Eddie and Daisy. Our subject and his wife have three children: Charles M., a boilermaker in the employ of the Big Four Railroad; William G. and Frank W.

On leaving the farm in 1882, Mr. Mullin removed to Urbana, where he was engaged in the furniture and stove business under the name of W. A. Mullin until 1897, when he was appointed assistant postmaster under W. W. Lindley, and has since devoted his time and attention to the duties of that office. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve in several responsible positions, the duties of which he has most capably discharged. He represented his ward in the city council for six years, from 1886 to 1892; was city treasurer from 1893 to 1895; and assistant supervisor of Urbana township from 1894 to 1898. Politically he is an ardent Republican, does all in his power to advance the interests of his party and secure its success; and was secretary of the county central committee from 1892 to 1898. He is a prominent Mason, a member of Urbana Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M., of which he is scribe; and Urbana Commandery, No. 16, K. T. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM WARNES, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Urbana, residing at No. 208 West High street, was born about seventy years ago near Wells, England, one hundred and forty miles northeast of London. His parents, Robert and Sarah Ann Warnes, spent their entire lives in that locality, where the father was employed as a shepherd, that country being well adapted for sheep rais-

ing. Our subject is the oldest of their children, and the others are as follows: Robert died in England; Fannie died at the age of seven months; Mary is now a widow with three children and resides near her parents' old home in England; Fannie died leaving a husband and six children; Sarah is also deceased; Lizzie, Eliza, Margaret and Hannah are all married, have families and reside in England; and John came to this country in 1866, and is now engaged in farming in Raymond township, Champaign county.

Our subject was reared upon a farm in his native land, and in 1849 came to America on a sailing vessel, which, at that time, was nearly seven weeks in making the voyage and had eleven hundred on board, including crew and passengers. Mr. Warnes was one of a party of four young men who were full of spirits and had a very jolly time during the voyage. The vessel owners furnished them with tea, coffee, rice, biscuit and molasses, but it was with great difficulty that they could drink the coffee during the rough weather they encountered, being unable to steady their cups. During one severe storm the hatches were closed and all were kept below for one day and night to prevent the water from coming in. It was with great rejoicing that they first saw land after so long and tedious a voyage. They landed at the north pier in Castle Garden, New York, and Mr. Warnes and his friend, Joseph Sanders, went up the Hudson and through the canal to Buffalo, New York, from there went to Milwaukee, where they took a propeller for Chicago. There our subject engaged in working for a Mr. Stone near where the Kinzie street depot is now located, and received fourteen dollars per week and board. He saved some money at that time, and spent the winter in Putnam county, Illinois, cutting cord wood for steamboats, and made his board, but not much more. It was a hard winter, with much mud, ice and snow, and the log house, in which eleven men slept, proved but poor shelter from the elements. Each took five acres of land to clear, and received only five shillings per cord for hard wood and fifty cents per cord for soft. The following summer Mr. Warnes engaged in the manufacture of brick near Joliet, but lost all that he had made. Returning to Chicago, he worked in a dairy and looked after one hundred and fifty cows for a time.

On the 5th of July, 1854, Mr. Warnes was married in that city to Miss Studd Rose, also a native of England, and a daughter of Robert and Mary Rose, in whose family were eight children. Mrs. Warnes came to the United States in 1853, and had one sister, Mrs. John Racey Bowman, who also came to this country and lived in Chicago, but is now deceased. Of the two children born to our subject and his wife, both died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Warnes continued to engage in farming near Chicago during the war and until 1867, when he came to Champaign county. He well remembers when water was peddled around from house to house in Chicago, the people paying ten cents for so many bucketsful. In those early days beef brought only a cent or a cent and a half per pound, pork three cents, corn ten cents per bushel, eggs four cents per dozen, and cows were sold for ten dollars. When Mr. Warnes came to this state there were still many Indians here, and he has seen them in their dances. On his removal to this county he bought two hundred and forty acres of land, and is now the owner of three hun-

dred and seventy acres, all in Raymond township, this county, except forty acres across the line in Douglas county. This farm he now rents to his brother, who has six sons, while he is living retired in Urbana. The success that he has achieved in life is due to his own industry, perseverance and good management, for when he landed in Chicago he had but fifty cents remaining. He has steadily prospered and is now enabled to lay aside all business cares and spend his declining years in ease and quiet, surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living. Both he and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are held in high regard by all who know them on account of their sterling worth.

CHARLES D. THOMAS, one of the leading young attorneys of Champaign, Illinois, is a native of this county, born in Scott township. His father, Benjamin F. Thomas, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and during his youth removed to Warren county, Ohio, with his parents, Leander and Paulina (Kilbourn) Thomas, pioneers of that county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. There the father of our subject grew to manhood, but in 1856, at the age of twenty-one years, he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and first located in Scott township, where he followed farming. While there he married Mary Cresap, a daughter of Daniel Cresap, who was originally from Maryland, though he came to this state from Ohio, and was the owner of a large tract of land in Scott township. After his marriage the father of our subject purchased a quarter section of land in Colfax township, upon which he continued to make his home until 1881, when he went to California and engaged in farming and fruit growing in that state for two or three years. On his return to Illinois he bought a farm in Mahomet township, this county, but is now living a retired life in the village of Mahomet, being quite well-to-do. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him, and while a resident of Colfax township held different local offices. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a most estimable lady. In their family are three sons: Charles D., our subject; William A., and Benjamin F., Jr., who carries on the home farm.

Our subject began his education in the public schools of Colfax township, and during the residence of the family in California attended school there. He was graduated from the high school of Mahomet in 1887, and completed his education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, paying his own expenses at that institution by teaching for four years. He was principal of the schools at DeLand one year, and at Ivesdale, this county, for the same length of time. In the fall of 1894 he began reading law with Captain Thomas J. Smith, of Champaign, and was admitted to the bar by examination at Mt. Vernon, in August, 1896. He then opened an office of his own and from the start has been exceptionally successful, having built up an excellent practice and an enviable reputation in his chosen calling. Since attaining his majority he has always affiliated with the Republican party, and in the spring of 1899 was elected city attorney of Champaign on that ticket. That office he is now filling with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people. He is also a director of the Twin City Saving and

Loan Association, and has served as its attorney.

Socially Mr. Thomas is a member of Mahomet Lodge, No. 220, F.&A.M.; of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Esteemed Loyal Knight; and of the Sons of Veterans, his father having been a soldier of the Civil war.

At the beginning of our recent war with Spain, Mr. Thomas assisted in organizing a provisional company in Colonel Bogardus' regiment, and was commissioned first lieutenant. They tendered their services to the government and made several strong efforts to enter the service but were unable to do so on account of the early declaration of peace. What Mr. Thomas has accomplished in life is due entirely to his own energetic efforts, as he paid his own way through college and while studying law, and the thoroughness and persistency with which he applied himself at that time has characterized his entire career, and has been supplemented by careful attention to details and by honorable and straightforward effort, that has gained him a most excellent and enviable reputation and an honored position among his professional brethren.

LEWIS VINTON MANSPEAKER, one of the leading business men of Champaign, Illinois, has shown in his successful career that he has the ability to plan wisely and execute with energy, a combination which, when possessed by men in any walk of life, never fails to effect notable results. Since 1865, when he entered his father's store as clerk, he has been identified with the grocery trade of Champaign, and is today one of the most prominent business men in his line in the city.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Manspeaker was born in Bedford, Bedford county, November 27, 1852, and is a son of William W. and Katherine (Radebaugh) Manspeaker, also natives of that county. The maternal grandfather, Peter Radebaugh, a drummer boy in the war of 1812, was one of the prominent business men of Bedford county. Later he came to this county, and located in Urbana, which was then the larger town, establishing a dry goods business there, which he carried on for a short time. On selling out, he bought a half-section of land near Homer, made many improvements upon the same, and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits.

In early life the father of our subject engaged in clerking in a dry goods store in Bedford, Pennsylvania, and later as a baker and caterer did the principal business in that line in that city for some time. In 1861 he removed with his family to Urbana, Illinois, and during the Civil war he entered the service as a sutler with the Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which regiment he remained until hostilities ceased. He saw many hardships, and his wife and six small children left at home also suffered many privations. Our subject, being the oldest, had to work hard to help support the family, and well remembers working all day for ten cents, turning a corn sheller and getting a ticket good at a grocery store. On his father's return home, he opened a grocery and bakery on Market street, Champaign, and our subject assisted him, although he was so small he had to stand on boxes behind the counter in order to wait on the customers. The father successfully engaged in business here until 1875, and then went to Topeka, Kansas, of which place his son, W. W., was a prominent business man, and where he spent some

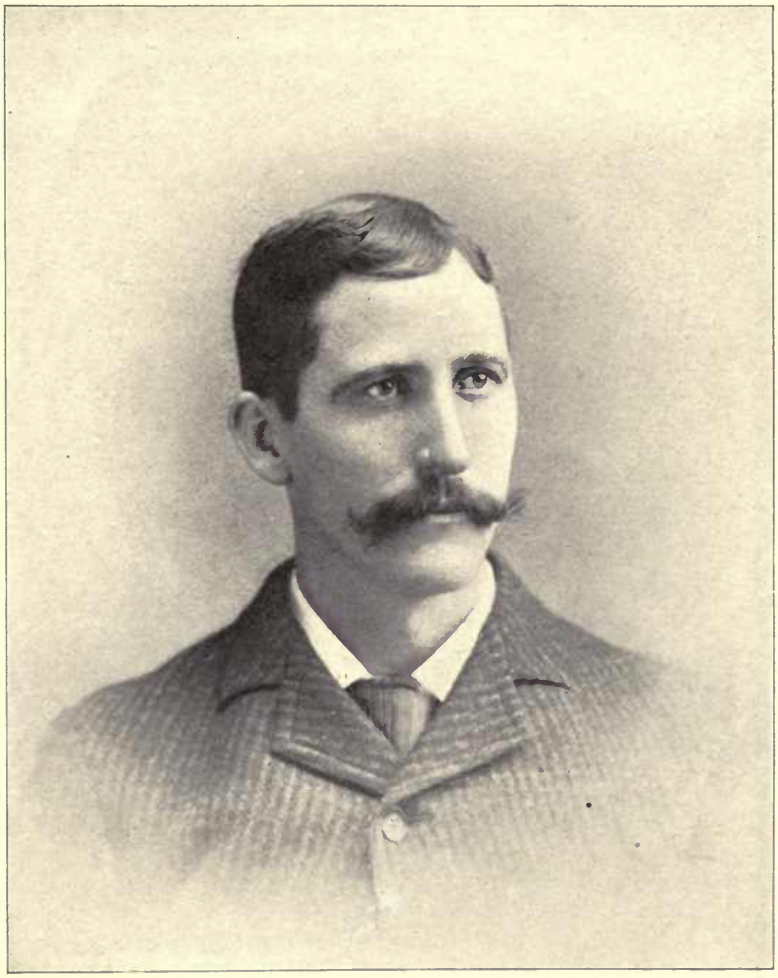
time. He died in Beatrice, Nebraska, in 1893. The wife and mother had previously departed this life in Champaign, Illinois. Both were consistent and faithful members of the First Baptist church of this city. In their family were the following children: W. W., a leading business man and bank official of Topeka, Kansas; Lewis V., our subject; Lottie V., wife of W. A. Camp, who is now engaged in merchandising with our subject's younger brother, William P., at Doniphan, Nebraska; Franklin P., a resident of Topeka, Kansas; and two deceased, Ellen G. and Estella.

Lewis V. Manspeaker, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in the public schools, and as will be seen early acquired an excellent knowledge of business methods. He continued to clerk for his father until 1876, when he and his brother-in-law, W. A. Camp, purchased the store, and continued to carry on business on Market street for two years. The stock of goods was removed to Nos. 35 and 37 Main street, and our subject purchased his partner's interest and has since been alone in business, conducting one of the most successful grocery stores in the city and giving employment to from six to eight people. He occupies two store rooms and the basement, and carries a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries. Besides his business property he owns other real estate in the city, and a pleasant home at 201 West University avenue—one of the finest locations in the city.

In 1876, Mr. Manspeaker was united in marriage with Miss Emma Gruver, of La Fayette, Indiana, a daughter of Abraham Gruver. Their children are Pearl, who expects to graduate from the University of Illinois with the class of 1900; Lottie May, Berta H., Edith G., Lewis V., Jr., Welch, and Caroline E. The family attend and support the Episcopal church, and Mr. Manspeaker was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the National Union. He to-day enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has been enabled to secure an ample fortune. Systematic and methodical, his sagacity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the prosperous business men of the city, and he merits and receives the confidence and respect of all who know him.

EDWARD C. IRELAND, a well-known conductor on the Springfield division of the Illinois Central Railroad, residing in Champaign, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 20, 1860, and has had a somewhat adventurous and very interesting career. His mother died during his infancy, and his father, William Ireland, when he was a small boy. The family were from Kentucky, but at the time of our subject's birth the father was engaged in pork packing in Cincinnati. In 1867 he came to Watseka, Illinois, where he owned a large tract of prairie land, and he tried to interest the men of that locality in tilling, but he failed in this and afterward sold his property and purchased timber land, through which the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad passed. He sold the timber to that company. Catching cold, he was ill for several years, during which time his property was exhausted, and at his death our subject was left penniless.

After his father's death Edward C. Ireland was taken back to Preble county, Ohio,



E. C. IRELAND.

by a half brother, who was agent for the Little Miami and Pan Handle Railroads. He was taken on trial by a farmer before being bound out, but not liking the place he ran away and returned to Watseka, Illinois, which he soon found was quite different when he was without a home to go to. Looking around for work, he found a man cutting timber who hired him at the rate of thirty cents per day. This man became interested in him and wanted to adopt him. Our subject remained with him over a year, and during the winter walked through the timber two and a half miles to school, while he did the chores for his board and clothes, He slept in the loft of a new log cabin, where the snow would drift through the cracks, and even on the main floor the snow would have to be swept away in the morning before the fire was built. Still Mr. Ireland was healthy and hearty. As the man with whom he was living failed to keep his agreement, he left the following winter and found work on a farm at fifteen dollars per month. The next fall he went to Indianapolis, where the husband of his half sister was a florist, and worked for him for a year, during which time he saved his money that he might be able to attend school in the winter, but finding himself a large boy among small children his pride soon caused him to leave school. He then took care of the house and furnace of Mr. Bruce, a wealthy man of that city. Later he started to learn a trade but found the work too confining and there was no one to advise him to persevere in the undertaking. That fall he found work with a farmer shucking corn, and then returned to Indianapolis, where he drove a street car through the winter. It was difficult for a boy to obtain work, but he finally found employment with a bridge company building a bridge at Broad Ripple and at first only received one dollar per day, out of which he paid two dollars and a half per week for board. Later he was advanced to two dollars and a half per day, and after the first winter and through part of the following summer he had charge of a derrick used in the construction of the railroad bridge across the Illinois river at Havana. In the fall he entered a foundry to learn the molder's trade, but finding the employment unsuited to his taste, he entered the employ of Captain Devore, proprietor of the Taylor House at Havana, and the civil engineer of the road that built the bridge at Havana. He wished our subject to go out with the crew in the spring, and in the meantime gave him the position of night porter in the hotel at fifteen dollars per month, and later advanced him to day clerk at twenty-five dollars, board and washing. A few months later, finding nothing more in the line of promotion, Mr. Ireland commenced braking on the Wabash railroad between Havana and Urbana, and shortly afterward was advanced to baggageman on trains running between Havana and Danville. After the Wabash went into the hands of a receiver. this branch was operated as an independent road for two years and then came into the possession of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. In September, 1885, Mr. Ireland was promoted to freight conductor, and the following January was placed in charge of a mixed train running between Urbana and Decatur, which position he filled until September, 1898, when he was transferred as passenger conductor on a train running between Champaign and Havana. This he still holds, and is one of the most popular conductors on the road.

Since September, 1887, Mr. Ireland has

made his home in Champaign, where two years later he purchased a lot and old house standing thereon, but in 1897 erected a beautiful residence at No. 616 West Church street, where he now resides. He was married October 3, 1883, to Miss Louisa I. Beams, of Petersburg, Illinois, and to them were born three children: Mabel Blanch, January 17, 1885, died in infancy; Etha May, born June 27, 1886; and Iva Belle, who was born August 2, 1888, and died June 12, 1893. Politically Mr. Ireland is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally affiliates with the order of Railway Conductors, of which he has been a member since 1889; the Knights of Pythias and Uniform Rank; Western Star Lodge, F. & A. M.; and Chapter, R. A. M.

JOHN H. SAVAGE, a prominent and influential citizen of Urbana, who has served as deputy county treasurer for many years, was born in Cromwell, Middlesex county, Connecticut, January 13, 1852, and is a son of Ralph W. and Sarah A. (Strickland) Savage, also natives of that state, where his ancestors have made their home for nearly three hundred years. Members of the family aided the colonies in achieving their independence as soldiers of the Revolutionary war. Our subject's paternal grandfather was Captain Absolam Savage, who had command of a vessel and was lost at sea when our subject's father was twelve years of age. The latter was the oldest in a family of four children, the others being Rev. G. S. F. Savage, who is secretary of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and a noted divine, although now quite old; Charles C. Savage, a resident of New York, who was originally a printer by trade and a contemporary of Greeley, Dana and others; and Mary Ann, who married Charles Andres, of Brooklyn, New York, but both are now deceased.

Ralph W. Savage, father of our subject, was a carpenter and builder in early life, but for a great many years was engaged in merchandising in Cromwell, Connecticut, and was quite successful in business. He was a pronounced Abolitionist and later a Republican, favoring the vigorous prosecution of the war, but he was never a politician in the sense of office seeking. He was quite a prominent member and officer in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged, and was widely and favorably known throughout his part of the state. He died September 25, 1887, aged seventy-five years, his wife, a few years before, aged sixty years.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, namely: Sarah M. has devoted her life to school teaching, and is well known as one of the most thorough and competent teachers in the Urbana public schools, with which she has been connected for many years; Emma T. is still living in Cromwell, Connecticut; Ralph W. is engaged in the real estate and loan business in Grant, Nebraska; Elizabeth S. is the wife of Edward S. Coe, a prominent and wealthy manufacturer of Cromwell, Connecticut, and they have two children, Anna S., wife of Professor William Marshall, of Yale College, and Raymond; Mary A. died at the age of five years; John H., our subject, is next in order of birth; Frank A., a contractor of Osceola, Iowa, married Kate Crumby and they have four children. George P., a large land owner and prominent Republican of Cromwell, Connecticut,

has served as first selectman of his town and as a member of the state Legislature; William R. is engaged in mercantile business in Providence, Rhode Island; Dr. Watson L., a graduate of Amherst College, and a professor in Columbia University, New York City, married Ella Whiting, of New York; Lucy H. is a graduate of Cornell University, and is now successfully engaged in teaching in a young ladies seminary in Northfield, Massachusetts; and Carrie A. is the wife of George S. Butler, of Cromwell, Connecticut.

Reared in his native town, John H. Savage, of this review, acquired his education in its public schools and was graduated from the high school. He began his business career as a clerk in his father's store, where he remained for some years, and before coming west engaged in merchandising on his own account for a year or two. In 1873 he took up his residence in Urbana, Illinois, and on the 9th of April, 1874, entered the county treasurer's office as clerk, and has been connected with the same ever since with the exception of six months. He has been president of the Citizens Building and Loan Association nearly ever since its organization, is one of its charter members, and has been a director from the start. He is also guardian for seven different wards in Champaign county—a fact which plainly indicates the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens.

On the 21st of October, 1886, Mr. Savage was united in marriage with Miss Alida L. Nash, a daughter of H. J. Nash, now of Urbana, but formerly a farmer of Philo township. She has one sister, Estella E., wife of David C. Busey, of Urbana. To our subject and his wife have been born two children, Sarah A. and Ralph N.

Socially Mr. Savage is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. As a Republican he takes an active interest in local politics and has been honored with several important official positions. He is president of the board of trustees of the schools of Urbana township; has been city collector for many years; and has been alderman of the second ward. He is also treasurer of three drainage districts. For five years he was lieutenant of a company of militia, made up largely in Champaign, and was one of the charter members of the same. In business affairs, he is prompt, energetic and notably reliable, and has filled the offices to which he has been chosen in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. Few men are better known throughout the county or are held in higher regard than John H. Savage.

MRS. MARY B. STRONG, a well-known Christian Science healer, of Champaign, is a native of Syracuse, New York, and a daughter of Gideon and Sally (Mooney) Bogardus. On the paternal side she traces her ancestry back to Rev. E. Bogardus, the first Dutch Reformed minister in the Holland settlement on the Hudson river. His son Cornelius was the father of Peter Bogardus, Sr., and the latter was the father of Peter, Jr., who was Mrs. Strong's grandfather. Soon after the Revolutionary war he removed to Syracuse, where he owned a large amount of land, and the house he erected there is still standing. Much of his property was inherited by Mrs. Strong's father, who never engaged in any business. The mother possessed marvelous power in the way of healing. She brought a man back to life, who to all appearances was dead and had been

pronounced so by six doctors. He had died suddenly from excitement, but she worked over him from night until morning, and ordered him to wake up, which he finally did. The Mooney family was of Scotch-Irish and English extraction.

Mrs. Strong was educated in her native city and in early womanhood was united in marriage with Marcus Strong, a successful teacher, from Rodman, Jefferson county, New York. His father, Henry Strong, was a very wealthy man, and his grandfather, Nathaniel Strong, was a prominent member of the New York legislature in his day. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Strong removed to Oswego, New York, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder, and later went to Girard, Pennsylvania. While building a church at Erie, Pennsylvania, the scaffold upon which he was standing broke, and he died from the effects of the fall after four years of suffering. He left three children: Sarah B., now a trained nurse, who has been with an aged lady in Boston for some years; Frank R., a resident of North Dakota, where he owns and operates a large tract of land, and also engages in school teaching during the winter months; and William B., director of music in the Winthrope Industrial and Normal School at Rock Hill, North Carolina. All have been given excellent educations, the daughter graduating from the University of Illinois, the older son in Michigan, the younger in Boston, and all have successfully engaged in teaching.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Strong returned to Syracuse, New York, where she resumed teaching school and music. She also took charge of a young woman afflicted with spasms, and found that she could cure, or rather stop, the convulsions by passing her hand over her. Her school being large and her voice failing, she decided to devote more time to the healing art and experience showed that she possessed considerable power over people. For a time she engaged in sewing, but one of her old teachers persuaded her to abandon that work and go to Chicago and take up the study of medicine, first taking an electric course. By the magnetism in her hands she had already cured a number of persons. She made a careful study of Dr. Henri's and Babbits' books, and spent some time in the massage rooms of the former in Central Music Hall, Chicago. Coming to Champaign, she devoted her time to massage and magnetic treatment for almost a quarter of a century, and was the first practical magnetic healer in the city. She cured many cases where the doctors had previously failed, and enjoyed a large practice. Until recently she was actively engaged in this treatment, but finally became convinced that Christian Science was the true healing power, and for the past eighteen months has devoted her time to the study of the same, so that she is now almost ready to take up healing along that line. Her daughter is also preparing herself for the same work.

Mrs. Strong believes that the command "go preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils" is as binding on the followers of Christ now as nineteen hundred years ago. Few realize what spiritual strength and stamina of character is required to carry on a pioneer work, against the prejudices and opposition of a community. Mrs. Strong, however, is not easily intimidated, and will undoubtedly meet with success in this as in all her other undertakings, for she is a lady

of great strength of character and earnest purpose. For many years she was a member of the Congregational church, but has more recently sang in different churches, including the Episcopal, Baptist and Methodist Episcopal.

JOHN C. KIRKPATRICK, deceased, was one of the foremost citizens of Champaign county from his early manhood until his death, which occurred January 17, 1899, and no one who has been called from our midst in late years has been more seriously mourned by the general community. For many years he made his home in the city of Champaign, and all local improvements were championed by him, his influence carrying great weight, as his judgments were proverbially wise and far-seeing.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, October 5, 1825, and was a son of James and Jane (Porter) Kirkpatrick, also natives of that state. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Kirkpatrick, was a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the early pioneers of Ohio, where he secured a tract of timberland, and in the midst of the wilderness he established a home. There he reared his family of six children. In 1843 the father of our subject removed with his family to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he purchased a tract of land and was extensively engaged in farming and stockraising. In early life he was also a drover. Politically he was a Henry Clay Whig, and he served as a major in the state militia. He died in St. Joseph township, this county, in January, 1872, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1848. They had ten children, of whom four died in early life, the others being Samuel, Margaret A., John C., James W., Maria J. and Austin W.

The subject of this sketch was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, early acquiring an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits, and obtaining his literary education in the pioneer schools, the nearest of which was located in the timber two miles from his father's farm. Leaving home at the age of twenty-four years he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and located in Urbana township, where he engaged in breaking prairie and farming. In 1850 he purchased two hundred acres of land two miles north of Champaign, of which he took possession in 1855, but only resided thereon for two years, at the end of which time he removed to the city. He built the first frame house in Champaign before the Illinois Central Railroad tracks were laid, and at that time owned one hundred and forty acres of land now within the city limits. He added to his land possessions from time to time until at the time of his death he owned over thirteen hundred acres of valuable land, including three hundred and twenty acres in St. Joseph township and two hundred and seventy acres in Stanton township. His farms were all under a high state of cultivation and well stocked with fine cattle and horses. Upon his place in St. Joseph township, he made his home for twenty years and then returned to Champaign, his city residence being at the corner of White and Third streets. He was remarkably successful in his farming operations, and was an important factor in building up the agricultural and manufacturing interests of the county. At one time he was the owner of a department store in Urbana, but when his health failed he turned

the business over to his sons. The last ten years of his life were spent in practical retirement in that city. He left a large and valuable estate to his family.

On the 9th of October, 1849, Mr. Kirkpatrick was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Busey, a daughter of Colonel and Mrs. M. W. Busey, and to them were born eight children, namely: (1) Marion F., who lives near Mayview, Illinois, first married to Asenath Sumner, who died leaving two children, Gertie M., now the wife of Ed Johnson; and Charles A. For his second wife he married Jennie Spurgeon, by whom he has one child, Cerelda M. (2) Albert J., living at Blue Mount farm, married Alice J. Barricklow and they have four children: Myrtle M., now the wife of William Wooleever, of Stanton township, by whom she has two children, Clara and Leel; John Earl; and Claude and Maude, twins. (3) Elizabeth J. is the wife of Jacob Dilling, of St. Joseph, and they have three children, Mary M., Clara and Lela. (4) Hattie B. is the wife of Charles Barricklow, of Frankfort, Indiana, and they have three children, John C., Ross and Elmer J. (5) Samuel A., a grocer of Urbana, married Ella Day, and they have four children, Glenn B., Mary J., Hazel E. and Mildred B. (6) Dr. Charles S. married Gertrude Wilson, and died in 1890, at the age of twenty-five years, leaving one son, John W. (7) Jesse resides on the old homestead in St. Joseph township. He married Edith Clark and has one child, Florence M. (8) Fannie L. is the wife of James Dunseth, an attorney of Urbana, and they have one child, Clara F.

In early life Mr. Kirkpatrick was a Whig in politics; later supported the Republican party; and during the last eight years of his life voted the straight Prohibition ticket. He and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1852 during a meeting held in the court house before a house of worship had been erected for the congregation, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest and most influential members, serving as a church officer for nearly half a century. He was always a zealous worker for the church and gave liberally toward its support. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he always took an active interest in everything calculated to advance the interests of the community, and assisted materially in building up the county so that it now ranks among the best in this great commonwealth. His support could always be relied upon for any worthy enterprise, and he gave one thousand dollars to the Burnham hospital, and a similar amount toward the sum to be raised by the citizens of Urbana and Champaign for the Illinois University. He always responded to all just appeals for charity, was quiet and unassuming in manner, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and commanded the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or social life.

REV. WILLIAM H. STEDMAN. Only the history of the good and great comes down to us through the ages. The true religion has been the strongest influence known to man through all time, while the many false doctrines that have sprung up have flourished only for a day and then vanished. More potent at the present time than at any period in the world's history are the work and influence of Christianity, and among those who are devoting their

lives to its inculcation among men is Mr. Stedman, who has been the honored pastor of the First Baptist church of Champaign since September, 1894. He is one of the leading ministers of that denomination in this section of the state, and his life is a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who know him.

Mr. Stedman was born near Towanda, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1840, and is a son of Alfred Bennett Stedman, who was born in Homer, Cortland county, New York, October 6, 1818, and remained there until eleven years of age, when his parents having died he left Homer and went to live with a farmer, he and his brother, aged fifteen years, having taken a contract to clear a tract of timber land. He continued to work upon that farm until he was married at Towanda, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1839, to Miss Lucilla Miller, who was born in Chatham, New Jersey, November 1, 1815, a daughter of Hezekiah Miller. Mr. Stedman then located at or near Towanda, where he engaged in farming until the subject was two years old and then removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was interested in what was then known as fur blowing. He owned the machines and engaged in business there on his own account until 1855, when he removed to Pike county, Illinois, and settled on a farm eight miles from Barry. He finally sold his farm in 1877, and on account of his wife's health went to Minnesota, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at Morris, that state, November 9, 1891, his wife on the 16th of August, the same year.

At the early age of eight years our subject began working in his father's factory in Cincinnati and had charge of one of the pieces of machinery for the manufacture of cotton batting, the father having combined that industry with his fur factory. Working in the day time he was only able to attend school at night, and on coming to Illinois at the age of sixteen years had only received about three months' schooling during the winter, but he was fond of books and obtained a good general information by reading and studying at night without an instructor. The winter he was nineteen years of age he attended the common schools of St. Louis, and the following year entered the University of Chicago, but before the school year was completed close application to study and overwork brought on dyspepsia, which made it necessary for him to return home. In the fall of 1861 he became a student at Shurtliff College, and while there he enlisted, in May, 1864, in Company D, One Hundred Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After spending some time in Springfield, he went to Rock Island to guard prisoners, and while there he was discharged, as the one hundred days of his enlistment had expired some two months previous to his discharge. The year previous he was in the Missouri state service for thirty days during Price's raid, and followed him until he crossed the Missouri river. The command had to fight their way back.

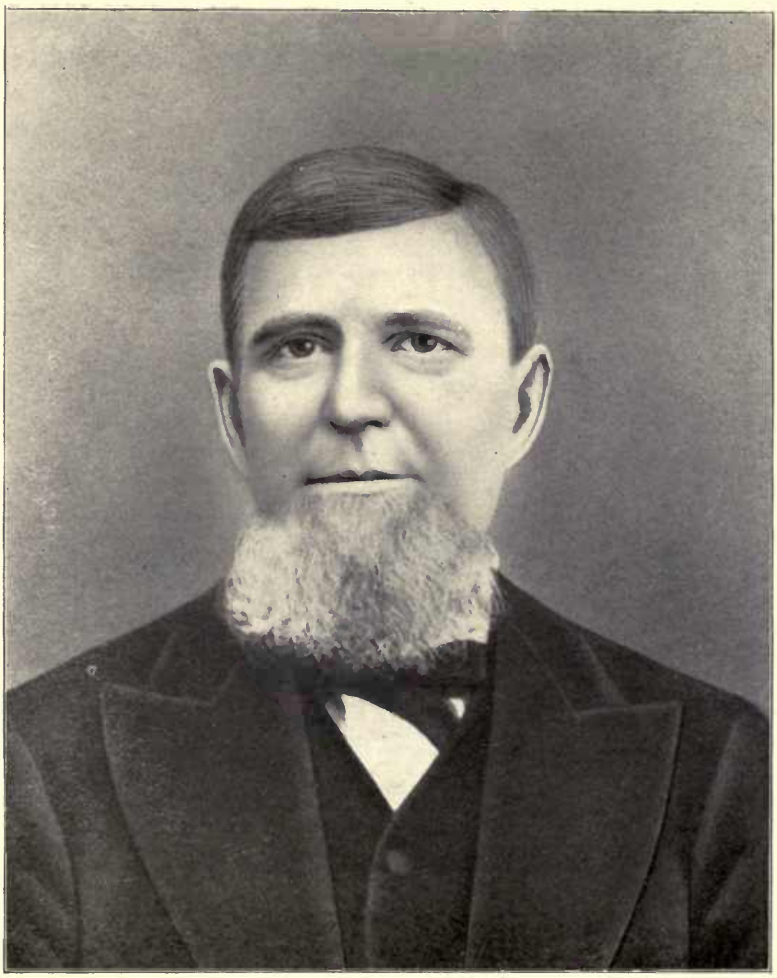
Mr. Stedman continued his studies at Shurtliff College, and was graduated in June, 1869, with the degree of A. B., the degree of A. M. being afterward conferred upon him. While a sophomore he was asked to supply the pulpit of the Baptist church, at Louisiana, Missouri, and during the time he was at school in Alton, he added fifty to the church, among these being Miss Belle Kimberlin, a daughter of H. Kimberlin, of Louisiana, Missouri. She attended a female

seminary at Rural Park, Upper Alton, and completed her studies there at the same time as our subject, and a week later, on the 13th of June, 1869, they were united in marriage. They have five children: Lucile, now the wife of Frederick Cody, of Detroit, Michigan; Alfred B., of Chicago; Jeanette E., Angie and Harry, at home.

While pursuing the literary course at college, Mr. Stedman also studied theology, and before his graduation organized a church at Shelbyville, this state, of which he was afterward called to the pastorate, removing there in September, 1869. The following winter he was ordained, and there remained until 1872, during which time he increased the membership from eleven to one hundred and twenty, and erected a church at a cost of nine thousand dollars. He next went to Arcola, Illinois, as pastor of the First Baptist church, and while there doubled its membership, but the house being crowded and the congregation refusing to build another, he left and came to Urbana, February 10, 1875, as pastor of the First Baptist church there. He began his work by making out a list of all the active or available members and insisted that these be called the church. He then went forward, relying upon God, and sixty were added to the church the first year, while during his stay one hundred and thirty were baptized and one hundred and ninety added to the church. He built an addition to the house of worship costing eight hundred and fifty dollars. In 1882 he was called to the church at Mendota, Illinois, and during the seven years he remained at that place two hundred were added to the church. From there he went to Detroit, Michigan, as pastor of the Twelfth Street Baptist church, and under his pastorate the membership was greatly increased and they purchased the site of their present church on the corner of Grand River and Thirteenth street, paying for the same four thousand dollars. While there he received a call from the church at Champaign, and finally accepted in September, 1894, since which time he has been the regular pastor here. The membership at that time was two hundred and seventy-five. Mr. Stedman came here with the intention of building a parsonage and also a church, in both of which undertakings he has been successful. A fine parsonage has been erected at No. 607 West Hill, and a church at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars, exclusive of the site. The latter was accomplished after agitating the subject for three years, two years being spent in getting the congregation to decide to build and a year in building.

Fraternally Mr. Stedman is a member of Colonel Nodine Post, G. A. R. He has labored untiringly in the work of his church, and his efforts have been crowned with success. He is a man of thoughtful, earnest purpose, of strong intellectual endowments, of broad charity and kindly nature, and by all denominations, as well as his own people, is held in the highest regard.

WILLIAM PRICE, deceased, was a well-known business man of Champaign, Illinois, whose sound common sense and vigorous, able management of his affairs were important factors in his success, and with his undoubted integrity of character gave him an honorable position among his followmen. A native of England, he was born in Oswestry, December 3, 1830, and was a son of Edward and Mary Price,



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who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a land owner and quite a successful man.

Our subject, who was the eldest in a family of four children, was educated in the public schools of his native land, and when about fourteen years of age began an apprenticehsip to the painter's trade, which he soon mastered. In 1852 he sailed from Liverpool for the United States, and on landing in New York, proceeded at once to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked at his trade for a short time. Subsequently he was similarly employed at Muncie, Indiana, for a short time, and then, after spending several months in the west, he came to Champaign, Illinois, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life.

On the 3rd of May, 1857, Mr. Price was united in marriage with Miss Artymesia Whitney, of Muncie, Indiana, and a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Preston) Whitney, natives of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, respectively. At a very early day the father removed to Indiana, and took up land near Muncie, where he passed the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits and met with well-deserved success, being a large land owner. In his family were eight children, namely: Lafayette, Mordecai, Nancy, Phineas, Artymesia, William, David and Franklin, of whom only Mordecai, Nancy, and Mrs. Price are now living. William, David and Franklin were all killed in the war of the Rebellion, David being starved to death in Andersonville. The father of his family died July 4, 1881, the mother, in the fall of 1870.

To Mr. and Mrs. Price were born the following children: Thomas E. married Lena Dauber, and died at the age of thirty-two years, leaving two children; John F., who married Sarah McConnell, has one child, and has succeeded his father in the paint and paper business in Champaign; David W. is working for his brother, married Margaret McGargle, and has three children; Mary H. is the wife of Matthew B. Williamson, of Champaign, and they have one child; Nellie G. is at home with her mother; Elizabeth N. is with her brother in the store and resides at home; one child died in infancy; and Minnie B., Annie G., Cora M. and Maude are all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Price worked at his trade for about ten years, and then built a store on Main street and embarked in the paper and paint business. He enlarged his stock from time to time to meet the growing demands of his trade until he had one of the most complete exclusive paint and paper stores in Illinois. He also took contracts for work in his line, and had a large corps of men in his employ. While still in the prime of life he was stricken with paralysis, and died May 22, 1885, being laid to rest in Mt. Hope cemetery with Masonic honors. He was a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M.; and was a Democrat in politics, but never an aspirant for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He faithfully performed his duties of citizenship, however, and in all the relations of life was found true to every trust reposed in him. He therefore merited and received the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life. His estimable wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of the Missionary and Ladies Aid Societies.

W. I. SAFFELL. Among the leading business men of Urbana none are more deserving of representation in this volume than this gentleman, a member of the well-known firm of W. I. Saffell & Company, dealers in hardware, stoves, bicycles, carpets and general house furnishing goods. Keen discrimination, unflagging industry and resolute purpose are numbered among his salient characteristics, and thus he has won the prosperity which is the merited reward of honest efforts.

Mr. Saffell was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, April 29, 1850, and is a son of Benjamin and Lydia P. Saffell, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father, who was engaged in the wagon and buggy business, died in New Garden, Ohio, in December, 1849, at the age of twenty-five years. The mother afterward married again, her second husband being Richard Diamond, but by that union had no children. Our subject is the youngest of those born of the first marriage. Lydia, the oldest, died at the age of eighteen years. Silas B. is married, and is now engaged in the manufacture of boxes at Indianapolis, Indiana. O. C., director of the Citizens Bank and manager of the New Castle Canning Company, of New Castle, Indiana, married Rilla Wright, and they have two children, May and Lewis. The former is now the wife of Frank Waymand, and they have one child, Frederick.

Our subject was reared in the town of Greensboro, Indiana, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in that state for about twelve years, and for two years after coming to Urbana, Illinois, in 1871. He was next engaged in business here as a dealer in farming implements and buggies, and subsequently was interested in importing horses from England, Belgium, Germany and Scotland, as a member of the Urbana Importing Company and later as salesman for the firm, who bought the horses to sell. For five years he successfully engaged in that business, sometimes selling the horses at auction, but generally at private sales, some animals bringing as high as two thousand dollars. On quitting that business he lived retired for two years on account of his health, but on the 13th of March, 1895, embarked in his present business under the firm name of W. I. Saffell & Co. They carry a large and well-selected stock and occupy two store rooms on the ground floor and also the rooms above.

In 1881, Mr. Saffell was united in marriage with Miss Francis Hood, a native of Dublin, Indiana, and a daughter of Charles L. and Lariah Hood, who were from Wayne county, that state. One child, Gladys, has been born of this union. Mrs. Saffell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is a most estimable lady. Our subject is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of Urbana Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M., and Urbana Commandery, No. 16, K. T. In politics he is a Republican, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, though owing to his interest in educational affairs has served as a member of the city school board.

In 1888, combining business and pleasure, Mr. and Mrs. Saffell went to Europe and spent a most enjoyable time in visiting Ireland, England, France, Belgium and Holland. On their return they sailed from Antwerp, Belgium, for London, and at the latter city Mr. Saffell reloaded his stock on the steamer Denmark, which should have made the trip in ten or twelve days, but

owing to continuous storms that November the vessel was twenty-eight days in crossing the Atlantic, one day of the time being taken up in securing fuel at Halifax, Nova Scotia. They had previously used all boxes and barrels available, and the captain, who had been in the service for twelve years, said that he had never been in such an emergency. Great anxiety was felt on the part of friends of those on board, fearing the vessel was lost. Although the weather was very rough Mr. Saffell was never sea sick and stood the trip well. He had twenty-four head of horses on the vessel.

ANDREW J. YEATS. More than half a century has passed since this gentleman arrived in Champaign county, and he is justly numbered among her honored pioneers and leading citizens. He is now successfully engaged in the grocery business in Champaign. A native of Indiana, he was born in Newtown, Fountain county, December 15, 1837, a son of Zepheniah and Matilda (Carr) Yeats. The father was a native of Gallia county, Ohio, and a son of Samuel Yeats, a pioneer of that county, who had served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war and removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio to take up his land warrant. Later he went to Indiana, where he died in 1851, at the extreme old age of one hundred and four years.

Our subject grew to manhood in his native county, and married Matilda Carr, daughter of Richard Carr, of Maysville, Kentucky. He continued his residence there until after the birth of two of his children, and then removed to Fountain county, Indiana, where he purchased land. His sons operated the farm, while he engaged in shoemaking, all boots and shoes being made by hand at that time. In 1849 he came to this county and opened up a farm in what is now Sadorus township, though there was no township organization at that time and the country was but sparsely settled. Within a radius of seven miles his only neighbors were Henry and William Sadorus, John Tenbrock, John Hamilton, John Cook, Benjamin, Isaac and John Miller, Henry Mather, William Rock, Isaac Laughlin, Walter Beavers and William O'Briant. These pioneers would go all the way to Urbana to vote and attend church, and the Yeats family seldom missed a Sunday when the roads were good. At first there were no roads and they were guided by a furrow along the ridges. They did their milling in Periesville, Indiana, and underwent all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The father of our subject first secured a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he set out a good orchard and built a good house and barn, to his original farm added an eighty-acre tract of prairie land and thirty acres of timber, making in all two hundred and fifty acres. Originally he was a Democrat in politics and later a Republican. He was elected road commissioner and laid out many of the roads in his locality. Religiously both he and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian church, and were highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them. He died in 1885, at the age of eighty-four years, and she passed away in 1896, at the age of eighty-nine years.

Andrew J. Yeats, of this review, is the fifth in order of birth in a family of ten children, and was educated in the subscription schools of Newtown, Indiana, conducted in

a log school house. As soon as large enough to be of any assistance he commenced to aid in the operation of the home farm, and remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age.

On the 10th of March, 1857, Mr. Yeats was united in marriage with Miss Mary Peat, who was born in Barrow Bridge, Yorkshire, England, in 1839, and was fourteen years of age when brought to the United States by her parents, David and Hannah (Porter) Yeats. In his native land the father was overseer of some hundreds of men engaged in manufacture of tile and brick. On coming to this country, he first located in Rochester, New York; later spent two years in Springfield, Illinois, and from there came to Sadorus, this county, where he purchased a farm and made his home for some years. In 1881 he went to Kansas, where he died in August, 1883. His widow now makes her home with our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeats have seven children, namely: Alice, now the wife of Issac Fielding, ex-postmaster of Champaign and editor of the Times; Anna, wife of Elmer C. Sabin, son of Mayor Sabin; George, who has been a mail carrier for nine years; Maggie is the wife of William Renner, son of William H. Renner, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Letitia, wife of Albert Cliff, of Champaign; and John, who married Mrs. Sarah Marshall, of Springfield, Illinois, and is a prominent florist of Champaign.

After his marriage, Mr. Yeats bou ht a farm in Sadorus township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies until 1872, at the same time serving as constable for twenty years. Having lost heavily by going security for others, he then removed to Champaign and accepted a position in a cabinet shop, where he worked for some years. Later he was interested in the tubular well business and put down tubular wells all over the county, meeting with good success in that venture. Subsequently he was a member of the police force of Champaign for two years, and then spent two years in Barber county, Kansas, where he proved up a claim which is still in the family. After his return to Champaign he was again connected with the police force until 1892, when he embarked in the grocery business, in which he is still interested. Eighteen years ago he purchased property at the corner of East Church and Fifth streets, and upon that lot is now engaged in business. He is independent in politics, and attends and supports the Episcopal church. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county where almost his entire life has been passed, and his friends are many.

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON is a retired farmer and successful real estate dealer of Champaign, whose life furnishes a striking example of the wide application of sound principles and safe conservatism. The story of his success is short and simple, containing no exciting chapters, but in it lies one of the most valuable secrets of the prosperity which it records, and his business and private life are pregnant with interest and incentive, no matter how lacking in dramatic action, the record of a noble life, consistent with itself and its possibilities in every particular.

Mr. Williamson was born in Butler county, Ohio, near Middletown, May 21, 1835, and is a son of John and Huldah (Doty) Williamson, natives of New Jersey

and Ohio, respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation. He made two trips to Ohio from his native state, by wagon, and spent his last days in Butler county, where his death occurred. He was born in 1797, and died in 1846. His wife, who was born January 8, 1803, died at the home of her daughter in Webster City, Iowa, May 20, 1892, but her remains were taken back to Middletown, Butler county, Ohio, for interment in the cemetery which her father had donated to that community. At the age of twelve years, he joined the Presbyterian church, and remained one of its active members until our subject became a Baptist, when she united with that denomination.

Daniel Doty, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of New Jersey, and a pioneer of Butler county, Ohio, where he purchased a tract of government land, owning and cultivating the present site of Middletown. He was the first collector in that district, which comprised three or four counties, and would often ride as far as one hundred miles to collect a dollar. He served nearly all through the war of 1812, but never drew a pension. In early days he went as far as Cincinnati to buy flour, and he and his sons made many trips to New Orleans to sell their produce. Religiously he was first a Presbyterian and later a New-light; was very pious, and once went sixty miles to help cut a road in order to move the Baptist preacher, his family and household effects. He was born in 1765, and died May 8, 1848, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Betsey Crane, died May 5, 1863, at the age of ninety-one years. All of their thirteen children reached years of maturity with the exception of Noah, who was drowned in the Miami river at the age of twelve years, but all are now deceased.

The subject of this sketch is one of a family of nine children, eight of whom lived to be grown, and five are now living, namely: Eleanor, wife of J. R. Letts, of Webster City, Iowa; William, our subject; A. Crane, who married Mary A. Anthony, and is now a physician and surgeon of Champaign; Sarah Jane, wife of James Jacoby, of Dennison, Texas; and John H., who married Mila Braden, and resides in Dayton, Ohio.

William Williamson was principally educated in the country-schools of Middletown, Ohio, though he took up higher studies and prepared to enter the medical profession, but never engaged in practice. For a time he was interested in the livery business and later in real estate. On coming west in 1869, he first located in Macoupin county, Illinois, but the following year removed to Edgar county, and in 1865 to Douglas county. In 1882 he came to Urbana, and in 1887 took up his residence in Champaign, where he has since made his home. He has improved over two thousand acres of land in this state, and still owns much valuable property in Champaign and Urbana, although he has sold much of the land he owned near the Illinois University. His own commodious residence is located at No. 709 South Wright street. Upright and reliable in all things he has the entire confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, and has been called upon to settle many estates, including that of his mother and other relatives. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination. In politics he is independent, and he has served as supervisor and a member of the school board, being elected to the latter position without his knowledge while out of the city. Both he and his wife are active and prominent

members of the Baptist church, of which he is a deacon, and in which he has filled all the offices with the exception of a preacher. He is also a member of the finance committee and is a great church worker.

On the 14th of February, 1865, Mr. Williamson was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Jacoby, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: Mary is now the wife of P. A. Elder, of Lima, Ohio, and they have three children, William A., Anna A. and Huldah A. Omer D. assists his father in the operation of a small farm of thirty-four acres of land near the corporate limits of Champaign. Josephine is attending the University of Illinois, being a member of the class of 1903.

Henry Jacoby, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Williamson, was a native of Pennsylvania and a pioneer of Butler county, Ohio. He was twice married and had fifteen children, including Charles, Polly, Sarah, Leah, Judith, Nathan, Jesse, Henry, David and George. The father of this family was an extensive land owner, having enough property to give each of his children large farms.

David Jacoby, Mrs. Williamson's father, was born in Butler county, Ohio, November 16, 1818, and is still living, an honored resident of Arcola, Illinois, where he is serving as justice of the peace and occasionally marries a couple. With his family he removed from Ohio to Douglas county, this state, on the day President Lincoln was first inaugurated, and has since made his home there. He is widely and favorably known throughout that section of the state; is a Jacksonian Democrat; and is a well read man. In the early '60s he favored the vigorous prosecution of the war. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Society, in which he has passed all the chairs, and is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged. She, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Catherine Teressa Smyers, died August 5, 1890, aged sixty-eight years. She was born in Pennsylvania, and when eighteen years of age removed to Butler county, Ohio, with her parents, James and Catherine Smyers, also natives of the Keystone state. Mr. Smyers died in Camden, Ohio, aged seventy-three years, his wife in Richmond, Indiana, in 1891, aged eighty-nine years. They had a family of seven children, namely: Lydia C. T., the mother of Mrs. Williamson; Caroline, deceased wife of Joel Smith; Eliza A., deceased wife of Lewis Barnet; David J. T., who wedded Mary Place, and is now deceased; Hester M. S., widow of Howard Young; John J. F., a resident of Texas, who first married Amelia Jacoby and second Ann Harney, and is the father of thirteen children; and Kittie Ann, who married Reuben Jacoby, and died leaving one daughter, Ella, now the wife of T. C. Carson, who was state superintendent of schools in Ohio for two terms, and is now president of the National Teachers Association.

Mrs. Williamson is the second in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: James M. married Jennie Williamson, a sister of our subject, and resides in Texas. Josephine is the widow of Charles Miner and lives in New York. George C. married Carrie Kelly and lives in Middletown, Ohio. Charles died unmarried at the age of thirty years. Katherine is the wife of John Shaffer, a railroad contractor, who has just returned from building a railroad in Central America, and who is a brother of Mary Shaffer, for many years

president of Wellesly College. Howard V. married Ida Burkey and lives in Arcola, Illinois. Albert H. is single and resides in New York City. Joseph died at the age of two years.

FRANKLIN GREGORY CARNAHAN. One of the rising young members of the Champaign county bar is this gentleman, belonging to the well-known law firm of Weaver & Carnahan, of Champaign.

A son of Rev. David F. and Sarah A. (Dobbin) Carnahan, he is of Scotch-Irish and French extraction. His great-great-grandfather, David Carnahan, born about 1740, came to America from Ireland about 1760, and settled in Pennsylvania, in which state his descendants are numerous and prominent. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was Leonard Dobbin, who took up his residence in this country about the beginning of the nineteenth century. He was a lineal descendant of a French-Huguenot family by the name of De Aubigne (which name was corrupted to Dobbin in the course of time) who, forced to flee from the religious persecutions on the Continent, located in the northern part of Ireland, and there became the proprietors of valuable landed estates. Leonard Dobbin first went to Rhode Island, but later settled in Auburn, New York, where he engaged in contracting for public works. His son, William L., grandfather of our subject, was reared in Auburn, and became a successful merchant at Madison, Indiana, and, subsequently, at Columbus, Indiana.

The birth of Rev. David F. Carnahan occurred in what now is Montour county, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1825. Ambitious and of much more than ordinary ability and spirit, he determined to have a thorough college education, and by diligence and arduous effort he succeeded in his undertaking, paying his own way by intervals of teaching. He was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of '52, in Buckwell University. He had studied theology in the meantime, and had been ordained to preach a few years previously. For a short time he was pastor of the Bridgeport (Pennsylvania) Baptist church, after which he served the Calvary Baptist church in Philadelphia several years, and the Zanesville (Ohio) church. While a resident of the last-named city, he assisted in organizing the Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was elected major of the regiment. At the battle of Pittsburg Landing, he was acting-colonel of his regiment, and for some time was a member of the staff of General Ross under General Lew Wallace. Returning from the war he took up his ministerial work again by becoming pastor of the Baptist church at Dayton, Ohio. He married there a teacher, Miss Dobbin, a graduate of the institution now known as the Granville Female College, and two of their children survive, David H. now being an instructor of French at the Chicago University. In the ensuing years, Rev. Mr. Carnahan labored at his calling in Burlington, Iowa; Appleton, Wisconsin; Aurora, Springfield, Streator, Dixon and Urbana, Illinois, and other points, and was one of the best-known ministers of his denomination in the Middle West. For two years he was state superintendent of missions in Ohio, and later, he held the same office in Illinois. In 1886 he entered heart and soul into the work of the Children's Home Society, and to his labors to a great extent is due the present thriving condition

of that noble organization. For several years prior to his death, which event took place September 15, 1894, he dwelt in Champaign, and here his widow still makes her home.

Franklin G. Carnahan was born in Springfield, Illinois, January 8, 1872. He was graduated in the class of '92 in the University of Illinois, the degree of Bachelor of Arts being conferred upon him. Though only twenty at the time of his graduation, he had already won brilliant honors and had given full promise of future successes. He was identified with the Adelphic Literary Society, and was actively associated with all of the progressive departments of collegiate work. During the three years following his graduation, he was employed by J. B. &. W. B. McGinley and the Champaign and Urbana Waterworks Company, and at the same time spent his leisure in the study of law, under the supervision of Gere & Philbrick, attorneys. Having been admitted to the bar of this county, in November, 1896, he established an office and practiced alone for almost a year. On the 1st of September, 1897, the present firm of Weaver and Carnahan was formed, and to-day a large amount of the local legal business of this city is handled by these gentlemen. Mr. Carnahan not only is an able and rising lawyer, but is also recognized as one of Champaign's most progressive citizens. Politically, he uses his franchise in favor of the Republican party, and in May, 1898, he was honored by the appointment to the office of city clerk, to fill the unexpired term of C. J. Strahle, deceased. He discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of those concerned, and placed himself on record as an efficient and conscientious official. Fraternally, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and religiouly, he is a Baptist. In various ways he has manifested his interest in local enterprises, and at present he is a member of the board of directors of the Twin City Saving & Loan Association, besides being legal adviser for the company.

JOHN W. LAWDER, a well known and respected citizen of Champaign, is a worthy representative of one of the sterling old families of the United States. His ancestors resided in Berwickshire, Scotland, and some of the family are yet living there. The great-grandfather of our subject came to America during the war of the Revolution, and, though he held rank as an officer in His Majesty's army, he became convinced that the colonists were in the right, assisted, doubtless, to that conclusion by the fact that he bestowed his affections upon a pretty daughter of an American patriot, and the result was that he deserted the forces of the mother country and married the young lady. Unfortunately, he was disowned by his family in England, but he and his descendants have faithfully proved their loyalty to the United States ever since.

The son of this officer, the next in the line of descent to our subject, was Dr. James Lawder, of Germantown, Ohio. He was known far and wide as a physician of unusual skill, and, during the great cholera epidemic in the early part of the '50s, he fell a victim to the scourge, owing to the untiring zeal with which he strove to save his patients. Riding night and day, over a large territory, directing his son, Orange F., to meet him at certain cross-roads with a fresh horse, he would continue his journeys to the bedside of the suffering, and though



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he succeeded in saving many a useful life to the community, his own ultimately paid the penalty of the severe taxation.

The parents of J. W. are Orange Frederick and Emma Elizabeth (Pitt) Lawder, natives of Montgomery and Scioto counties, respectively. The father enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil war, in the Thirty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and participated in the dreadful battle of Bull Run. Later, he fought in the celebrated battles of Pittsburg Landing, Lookout Mountain, and many others, during the long years of his devoted service on behalf of his country. When peace had been restored to our borders, he resumed the quiet avocations of life, and for several years was associated with his wife's father, Mr. Pitt, in rafting lumber to Cincinnati, clearing land and other enterprises. Though death claimed him while he was in his prime, Mr. Pitt had already accumulated much valuable property in Scioto county. O. F. Lawder later turned his attention to contracting for lumber used in building enterprises, in Montgomery county, and gave employment to several men and teams for many years. He now lives retired in Springboro, Ohio, where he is highly esteemed. Politically, he is an ardent Republican, and an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Both he and his estimable wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, and are actively interested in all worthy movements. Of their four children, the two elder ones, James and Mary Elizabeth, died in infancy, and William Powers is the proprietor of a flourishing blacksmith shop in Springboro, Ohio.

The birth of John Walter Lawder took place February 18, 1869, and his education was acquired in the common and high schools of Middletown and Germantown. Having determined what his occupation should be, he entered the employ of James Ajax, a merchant tailor of Middletown, where he served an apprenticeship of two years. Later, he worked at his trade as a journeyman in several Ohio towns, and in 1890 came to Champaign. He did not long remain here at that time, however, but spent a year or more in the south and southwest. The attractions of this beautiful little city proved a magnet to draw him back again, and we next find him employed by T. Costello until the fall of 1893, when he embarked in business on his own account. From 1897 until the spring of 1899 he was associated in partnership with Arthur Burke, who then withdrew in order to accept his present position as cashier of the Citizens Bank. Mr. Lawder then entered into partnership with Samuel Weingarten, who sold out his interest to our subject, February 2, 1900. Mr. Lawder, who enjoys the confidence and patronage of many of the representative citizens here, and who has ever conducted his affairs with system and marked ability, has made a genuine success in his business career, and merits the respect which he is freely accorded. On the 1st of May, 1900, he moved into new quarters, more commodious and better suited to the high class of trade which he enjoys. The new establishment is in the Walker Opera House Block, a central situation. He employs a number of expert workmen, and strives to give thorough satisfaction to his patrons.

In his political standing, Mr. Lawder is a Republican, and, fraternally, he is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Valient Lodge, No. 130, and in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks he is identified with Champaign Lodge, No. 398.

On the 13th of May, 1895, Mr. Lawder married Miss Nettie Parker, a native of this city, and daughter of George Parker, formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Illinois, bnt now living retired. Mrs. Nettie Lawder departed this life in 1896, and was placed to rest in the quiet cemetery here. The marriage of Mr. Lawder and Caroline Snyder occurred January 26, 1898, and they have an infant son, John Francis, born October 28, 1899. Mrs. Lawder is a daughter of Frank Snyder, of Urbana, who was for years engaged in the newspaper business in that city, and at present is retired from active labors.

GEORGE K. SHEFFER, a well-known contractor and builder of Champaign, who is now serving his second term as township clerk, was born in Williamsport, Warren county, Indiana, May 30, 1840, a son of Nicholas and Matilda (Davis) Sheffer. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, of old Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and in early life went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was married about 1822, his being the first marriage license issued after the county was organized. Later he removed to Williamsport, becoming one of the pioneers and farmers of that locality. He was also one of the prominent and leading citizens of Warren county, took an active part in local politics, and served as sheriff of the county for two terms. He cast his ballot with the Whig party. He was born in 1797 and died in 1852. The wife and mother, who was born in Kentucky, died in Danville, Illinois, July 5, 1884. In their family were six children who reached years of maturity: O. H. P., now a resident of Colorado; Vance, of Oregon; Frank, of California; Mrs. Cynthia Benge, of Oregon; William, of Danville, Illinois; George K., our subject; Jacob, now county treasurer of Warren county, Indiana, and a resident of Williamsport.

George H. Sheffer is indebted to the schools of Williamsport for his literary education. He was one of the boys in blue during the Civil war, enlisting September 12, 1861, in Company K, Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in all of the engagements in which his regiment took part up to the battle of Peach Tree Creek, before Atlanta, when he was seriously wounded. Later he re-enlisted and his regiment was kept intact through all the battles of his department. After four years of arduous and faithful service, he was honorably discharged in 1865.

While home on a furlough Mr. Sheffer was married, April 17, 1864, to Miss Martha Walker, of West Lebanon, and they have a family of eight children: Jennie C., Ina M., Minnie, Ruth, Roscoe, Mabel, George and Myra. Minnie is now the wife of Harry Eastman, of Champaign, and they have two children, Herbert and Martha.

After the war, Mr. Sheffer returned to Williamsport, Indiana, but soon removed to Danville, Illinois, where he learned the carpenter's trade and afterward worked as a journeyman and still later as a contractor and builder, erecting many residences in that city. In 1886 he came to Champaign, and here he has built up a good business as a contractor and builder.

As a Republican, Mr. Sheffer has taken an active part in political affairs, and he has twice been elected township clerk, which

office he is now so creditably filling. He is also a member of the township board of health. He is a prominent and influential member of Colonel Nodine Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of which he was commander in 1899; has represented his post at the encampment at Rockford; and has always taken an active part in Grand Army affairs.

HARNESS RENICK BUCKLES, probably one of the best known citizens of Champaign, is now living a retired life at his pleasant home, No. 603 South Randolph street. For many years he was actively identified with the business interests of the city, but has now laid aside all business cares, and expects to spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

Mr. Buckles was born in Darbyville, Pickaway county, Ohio, August 29, 1844, and is a son of Rev. Abraham and Sarah (King) Buckles, natives of Rockbridge county, Virginia. His paternal grandfather was William Buckles, who was a member of the first general assembly of the Ohio Legislature when that august body met in a log cabin. During his youth the father of our subject learned the tailor's trade, but the greater part of his life was devoted to the work of the ministry, joining the Methodist Episcopal conference of Ohio at an early age. For several years he rode a circuit, but later was the regular pastor of the churches at Darbyville, Mt. Sterling, Bloomfield, Genoa, Five Points, Harrisburg, and other places in central Ohio, throughout which section of the state he was widely known as a man of sterling character and worth. He never had any ambition to fill office, but always discharged any duty that devolved upon him. He favored the vigorous prosecution of the war and sent his only son to fight for the old flag and the cause it represented. He died in March, 1880, aged seventy-five years, and his wife departed this life in March, 1881, aged seventy-five years, both dying of pneumonia. She, too, was an active and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her house was always crowded with visitors during its meetings. This worthy couple left a lasting influence for good in the communities where they resided, and their memory will long be cherished by their many friends. They were tireless, resourceful and aggressive workers for the cause, which was sacred to their hearts. Of the twelve children born to them, five died in early life before the birth of our subject. The others are Amanda, widow of John Renick and a resident of Circleville, Ohio; Minerva, who married Dr. R. H. Tipton, of Darbyville, Ohio, and both are now deceased; Anna, widow of W. H. H. Moore, of Darbyville; Harness Renick, our subject; Virginia, who married Marcus Baer, of Circleville, Ohio, and died at the age of twenty-eight years; Roaltha E., who was the second wife of Marcus Baer and died at the age of twenty-four years; and Miles C., who died in early childhood.

Mr. Buckles, whose name introduces this review, was reared in the village of Darbyville, and his education was principally obtained in the schools of that place. In early life he successfully engaged in school teaching for several terms. On the 19th of July, 1862, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted in Company A, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Benjamin P. Runkle, of West Liberty, Ohio. His first engagement was at Dutton

Hill, Kentucky, and was followed by an engagement at Rocky Gap, near Mills Creek Ferry, where he was wounded in the head, being knocked senseless. While off duty for a short time, he went with prisoners to Lexington, Kentucky, and at that time the doctor probed for the ball, which still remained in his head and gave him much annoyance. Although at this time it was successfully removed, he still suffers from the effects of the wound. He participated in the siege of Knoxville, the Atlanta campaign, and the battles of Franklin, Nashville, and Resaca, where Captain Elias Scott was literally shot to pieces. He was in thirteen battles, besides many skirmishes. During the siege of Knoxville the regiment to which he belonged was shut in by Longstreet for twenty-one days, but was finally relieved by General Sherman. Mr. Buckles' last battle was at Nashville under "Pap" Thomas. At the close of the war, when his services were no longer needed, he was honorably discharged June 19, 1865, and mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee.

Returning home, Mr. Buckles rested until winter and then attended a commercial college in Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1866. He then rented a farm in Jackson township, Pickaway county, Ohio, which he operated in connection with school teaching for one year, but continued to follow the latter pursuit until coming west in 1870. After a short time spent in Monticello, Piatt county, Illinois, he came to Champaign in May, 1870, and joined a civil engineering corps building a new railroad from that city to Decatur, under George Finney, chief engineer. Mr. Buckles next opened a plumbing and gas fitting establishment in Champaign, and successfully engaged in business along that line until his retirement from business in 1890.

On the 4th of August, 1870, in Monticello, Illinois, Mr. Buckles married Miss Mary Hull, who was born in Piatt county, February 15, 1846. Her father, Dr. Peter Kinkead Hull, was born in Highland county, Virginia, August 10, 1811, and was married March 31, 1839, to Mary Huston, who was born near Adelphi, Ross county, Ohio, March 13, 1819, a daughter of Hugh and Rachel Huston. The Doctor graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of M. D., and first located in Circleville, Ohio, being one of the first physicians in that section of the state. In 1841 he moved to Monticello, Piatt county, Illinois, but after the death of his wife, which occurred March 14, 1849, he returned to Circleville, where he engaged in practice some years, being particularly successful during the cholera epidemic in 1852–3. In 1858 we again find him a resident of Monticello, Illinois, near which place he bought fifteen hundred acres of land. He made his home in the city, however, and engaged in practice there until called from this life, November 20, 1859. He was regarded as an oracle on all matters pertaining to his profession, and was in everything well qualified to be a successful physician. He was not only a thorough student of his profession, but was of a sympathetic, kindly disposition, and seemed to bring a ray of sunshine into the sick room with him. He stood deservedly high among his professional brethren, and wherever known was held in high regard. He was an ardent lover of nature and outdoor sports, which probably contributed no little to his generosity of heart. He was always a willing listener to tales of distress, and gave liberally to those in need. Those

who knew him best speak in unqualified terms of his ability in his chosen field of labor and his friendship for all mankind. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of Monticello and was serving as worthy master at the time of his death. In his family were four children: Renick Huston, a farmer by occupation, was born March 15, 1840, and died January 15, 1866, being frozen to death in a blizzard. He married Rebecca Williams and died leaving one child, Mary, now the wife of Edward Gimble, of the state of Washington. Rachel Estella, the second child of Dr. Hull, is the wife of J. F. Williams, of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Buckles is next in order of birth. Hugh, the youngest, died in infancy.

After her mother's death, Mrs. Buckles went to Circleville, Ohio, and remained there until her father was also called away in 1859, when she went to Virginia to make her home with her uncle, Colonel G. W. Hull, a wealthy planter, who was a delegate to the convention in Richmond, in April, 1861, when the secession of Virginia was decided upon. She attended school in Staunton, that state, until after the battle at McDowell, where her uncle lived. On the approach of the Federal troops, he was taken, in a dying condition, to the home of his father-in-law, Colonel Swoope, near Staunton, while the uncle's handsome brick residence was used by the Union army as a hospital after the battle. Being unable to hear from the north Mrs. Buckles and her sisters took advantage of the return of some fugitive rebel sympathizers to take passage in the wagon that carried them to Highland county, Virginia, and accompanied by a Miss Wheat, a maiden lady, whose home was in Washington, D. C., started for Parkersburg. They traveled one hundred and twelve miles through mountain forests, being stopped many times by pickets and compelled to show their passports to General Averil at Beverly. They also had to take the oath of allegiance to the Federal government. They passed through many places made famous in history, especially in the Alleghany mountains where battles were fought, including Cheat Mountain and Laurel Hill. They finally reached Circleville, Ohio, in safety, with very depleted pocket books. The Confederate money which they carried with them had depreciated in value to such an extent that in Circleville it was only good to look at. Mrs. Buckles was graduated from the schools of that city, and for several terms successfully engaged in teaching in Pickaway county. In 1869 she returned to Monticello, Illinois, where she was married the following year as previously stated, and came the same day to Champaign, where she has since made her home.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Buckles, namely: Lettie A., born February 20, 1872, was married, February 20, 1892, to J. Frank Wilson, of Champaign, and died February 14, 1896. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and had many friends in this community. William Piatt is an engineer on the Illinois Central railroad, residing at home with his parents, and Edgar Hull is a druggist of Champaign, also at home. The parents are both active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Buckles is a charter member of Colonel Nodine Post, of Champaign. In politics he is an ardent Republican.

JOHN A. VOSS. America boasts no better or more loyal citizens than many of the sons of Germany who have cast in their

lot with us, supporting our institutions and laws, and seeking to promote the prosperity of the republic in every manner. Among the thousands of the German-American citizens who have been prominently associated with the upbuilding of the great state of Illinois, John A. Voss, of Champaign, deserves special mention, and his history must prove an inspiration to every young man ambitious of success.

Born in Mecklenburg, January 10, 1855, he is a son of Fritz and Sophia Voss. After completing his education in the common schools, he commenced learning the business of manufacturing tile, at which his father was skilled. Continuing to work under his senior's supervision until March 29, 1873, he then sailed for the United States and reached Boston April 12. He then proceeded to New York and Chicago, and found employment, while he industriously strove to obtain a working knowledge of the English language. In the autumn he came to Champaign county, where, for three years, he worked for farmers. At last he entered into partnership with Joseph Neil and began manufacturing tile, at Farmer City. He burned the first lot of tile ever made in DeWitt and Piatt counties, and only had a horse-power engine. At the end of a year he sold out and went to Mahomet, where he was superintendent for James Dunning for two years in his factory, at the end of which time he entered into partnership with Capt. A. O. Howell, of Urbana, and carried on a tile factory there for two years. He then went to Thomasboro, where he erected a large, well equipped plant, with steam heat and power, and a side track connection with the Illinois Central Railroad. Employment was afforded to about a dozen men, and the business gradually increased until it was the leading industry of the place. Mr. Voss paid out more money in wages than any one in the town, and, in addition to erecting five residences, aided materially in the building of three churches, and was recognized as one of the representative citizens of the town. Later, he invested in a farm of four hundred acres, two hundred and eighty acres in Rantoul township, and the remainder in Somers township, paying therefor fifty dollars an acre, besides a large ditch tax. He improved this property, and lived in Thomasboro until November, 1893, in the meantime building a beautiful home at No. 405 South State street. This residence is supplied with hot water heat and is modern and desirable in every respect. For a number of years he served as a school director, and for three or four years was president of the board. During that period he warmly championed the erection of a new school building, and was a member of the committee which had in charge the building of the Methodist Episcopal church. This fact shows his broad and liberal views and speaks volumes for one who is not narrowly sectarian, but in thorough sympathy with every movement which he believes will elevate the people and make them happier and better citizens.

When Mr. Voss came to America, he was in debt about one hundred dollars, had no knowledge of the language of our people, and yet, in spite of everything, he succeeded by the exercise of the native talents with which he had been happily endowed. In his struggles to gain a livelihood he has found a faithful helpmate in his wife, whose maiden name was Lena Lingreen. They were married February 24, 1882, in Champaign. They have six living children:

Sophia, Minnie, Matilda, George, Bessie and Anna, to all of whom they have given good educational advantages. Mr. Voss is a gentleman of wide information, and much of his time is spent in his library, where he has gathered a valuable collection of books. He is a member of the order of Elks, and, with his family, is identified with the Lutheran church of Champaign, which he assisted in building and liberally supports.

WILLIAM DODSON, who is spending the closing years of a long and useful life free from business cares at his pleasant home at No. 406 North State street, Champaign, was for nearly thirty years one of the leading business men of that city, his time and attention being devoted to the grocery trade.

Mr. Dodson was born in Dayton, Ohio, July 8, 1819, a son of William and Margaret (Wikel) Dodson, who were born, reared and married in Virginia, and in 1800 moved to Ohio, locating in Montgomery county about eight miles from Dayton, where the father engaged in farming. In early life he had learned the blacksmith's trade and also followed teaming in his native state. In politics he was a stalwart Democrat. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years and had the use of all his faculties to the last. His wife had passed away some years before, dying in 1875. They were pioneers of Montgomery county, Ohio, and were well and favorably known. In their family were seven children, namely: Albert, a farmer, who died in De Witt county, Illinois; John, who lives near Urbana, where he owns a splendid farm of two hundred acres; Elizabeth, who married Wilson Collins, of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and died in 1897, at the age of sixty-five years; William, our subject; Rebecca, who married George Bowsher, and located near Lafayette, Indiana, where she died in 1899, when over fifty years of age; Jacob, a farmer of Kansas; and Levi, a commission merchant of Iowa.

Upon the home farm in Ohio, William Dodson grew to manhood. In 1835 he became one of the pioneers of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and owned and operated eighty acres of land on Wild Cat Prairie, where he made his home until coming to Champaign, Illinois, in 1864. Here he successfully engaged in the grocery business until 1893, when he retired, having acquired a comfortable competence through well-directed labor, perseverance and good management. He owns considerable property in Champaign and has done much to advance the interests of the city, so that he is now numbered among its useful and valued citizens, as well as one of the honored and highly respected men of the community.

Mr. Dodson has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Hannah Young, a native of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and a daughter of William Young. She was a member of the Universalist church, and a most estimable lady. She died in 1859, at about the age of forty years, and all of the four children born to them are deceased. Joseph died at the age of eleven years; John, at five years; Elnora, at three years; and one in infancy.

On the 15th of December, 1866, Mr. Dodson married Miss Sophia Kingsberry, who was born in New York State, April 30, 1834. Her parents, Benjamin and Joanna (Jennings) Kingsberry, were born, reared and married in Cherry Valley, New York,

and in 1828 moved to Allegany county, that state, where they continued to make their home throughout life. Throughout his active business life the father followed the occupation of a carpenter. He served as a private in the Mexican war, and in compensation for his services received a land warrant from the government. He died at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife, who survived him for some time, passed away at about the same age. They had nine children: William, a carpenter, who died in the east; Delia; David, also a carpenter; Hannah, who first married Thomas Burns and lived in Wisconsin, but is now the wife of a Mr. Goodenough, of Oklahoma; Benjamin, a veteran of the Civil war and a carpenter of New York; Alvin, also a resident of New York state; Edward, who served all through the war of the Rebellion and is now deceased; Julia, widow of Wesley Sayers, and a resident of New York; and Sophia, wife of our subject. She came to Champaign in 1860. She is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM MIEBACH, a member of the well-known firm of Miebach Brothers, prominent hardware dealers of Champaign, is a native of La Salle county, Illinois, born near Lostant, February 1, 1866. His father, William Miebach, Sr., was born in Germany, and on his emigration to this country located in La Salle county, where he engaged in farming until coming to this county in 1874. After spending one year at Tolono, he removed to Sadorus, and became one of the most extensive and prominent farmers of that locality, owning about six hundred acres of land. In 1886 he established a bottling works in Champaign, and did a large and prosperous business, being agent for the Schlitz Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, in both Champaign and Urbana. Here he spent the last days of his life, dying in 1892.

Our subject was reared on the home farm and obtained his literary education in the common schools of Sadorus. In 1886 he accompanied the family on their removal to Champaign, and as manager had charge of the bottling works started by his father. Forming a partnership with two of his brothers under the firm name of Miebach Brothers, they succeeded to the business and successfully carried it on until 1893, when they sold out and embarked in the hardware trade at the corner of University avenue and First street. Later they erected the large business block which they now occupy, it being forty-four feet front on University avenue. The firm use all of the basement and the ground floor, while the large hall above is used for dancing and similar purposes. They carry a large and well selected stock of stoves, shelf and heavy hardware, and do the most extensive business in their line in the county.

In 1893, Mr. Miebach married Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Champaign, a daughter of John Brown, and to them have been born four children, namely: Marion, William, Catherine and Joseph. The parents are members of St. Mary's Catholic church, and have a nice home in East Park. As a Republican, Mr. Miebach takes quite an active and prominent part in local politics, and was elected alderman from the first ward, assuming the duties of that office in January, 1897, and serving for two years. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and



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notably reliable and commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

REV. EDGAR C. STARK, for some three years pastor of the Church of Christ, of Champaign, has been actively engaged in ministerial labors for twenty-six years, and has been greatly blessed and prospered in his earnest undertakings. Possessing a good education, a pleasing address, and heartfelt interest in his noble calling, he has the power of winning people's attention and co-operation, and frequently is the means of bringing them into active association with Christian work.

The parents of our subject were William and Mary (McManus) Stark; the former was a native of Botetourt county, Virginia, and the latter, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The father, who was the son of Thomas Stark, was reared upon a farm in his native county, and in his early manhood went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he mastered the trade of a shoemaker, and was thus employed for a few years. He married a lady of that city, the daughter of John McManus, formerly of Philadelphia. Later, he went to New Harmony, and thence to Carmi, Illinois, where he dwelt for a score of years, giving his time to his former calling, then more profitable than it is to-day. In the meantime, he bought government land in the northern part of White county, and resided there a portion of each year. The wife and mother died in 1858, leaving four children, and the father now makes his home in St. Louis. He sold his farm during the Civil war, but retained his home in Carmi for several years.

The birth of Rev. E. C. Stark took place in New Harmony, Indiana, January 30, 1853. His elementary education was gained in the common-schools of White county, and when he was eighteen years of age, he obtained a certificate, and taught school for the ensuing thirteen years, in Edwards county. During this period he diligently devoted much of his leisure time to studies and research along the lines of what he long believed to be his life-work—the preaching of the gospel. Indeed, he was not more than twenty years old when he delivered his first sermon, and from that time on he occupied the pulpit of churches on numerous occasions. When he was in his thirty-second year, he became district evangelist in the New River district, in south western Virginia, and during the four years of his residence there he lived upon a farm which he bought in Montgomery county, that state. His chief labors were along the line of restoring churches and infusing new life and activity into congregations which were faint-hearted and failing, and in this he was unusually successful.

In 1889, Mr. Stark accepted a call to the Christian church at Fisher, Champaign county, and there he remained until the fall of 1892. The membership of the church was increased, and the prospects for its future were very encouraging when he resigned the pastorate. His next charge was at Farmer City, where he continued to preach the Word until February, 1896, when he went to Delavan, Illinois. On New Year's Eve, 1896, he commenced his work in Champaign, which has been mainly that of restoration. Through his efforts, and stimulated by his zeal, every department of the church organization has been revived and the financial condition at the

same time has been improved to a gratifying degree. Recently, the official board of the church passed resolutions testifying to the regard in which their pastor is held, and showing due appreciation for his disinterested labors of love here. Fraternally, he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and is in thorough sympathy with the great mass of workingmen everywhere. Personally, he is justly popular with young and old, and exercises a marked influence for good upon all who know him.

Upon the 11th of August, 1872, Mr. Stark married Mary L. Whyde, daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Starner) Whyde, both natives of Ohio. The father of Nicholas was Henry Whyde, of England, where many of his family spell the name Wide. Mrs. Stark was born in Wabash county, Illinois, and later she removed with her parents to Edwards county, where she formed the acquaintance of her future husband. They have six children, of whom Claude at present is principal of the schools at Foosland, Illinois. He has been a student in the University and is preparing himself for yet higher things. Annetta is the wife of Prof. William E. Knott, principal of the Gifford (Illinois) schools, and they have one child, Marjory. Amy E. is successfully engaged in teaching in Champaign county, and Blanche, Ralph and Carl C. are at home. The family reside in a pleasant home at No. 407 East Stoughton street, which was built by our subject in 1899.

FRANC H. LANGE. While the saying of the poet, that "all things come to him that waits," may not be fulfilled in numerous instances, it is reasonably certain that some degree of success will come, sooner or later, to him who works and waits. Thus it has been in the case of the subject of this article, and, in view of the fact that he had his own way to make, a stranger in a strange land, he has been very prosperous.

His father, Philip Lange, was a hero of the battle of Waterloo, serving in the German army. He was a native of Hanover, and died in that country in 1858, having survived his wife, Mary Ann, some ten years. Both were members of the United Lutheran church. Of their five children, three remained in Germany, while Franc H. and Joseph came to the New World. The latter, formerly a farmer of Hensley township, Champaign county, now resides in St. Louis.

The birth of Franc H. Lange took place in Hanover, July 9, 1833, and in that province he obtained a good German education. In August, 1850, he sailed from Bremen to New York city, and after encountering severe storms, the ship on which he was a passenger arrived at her destination, just eight weeks having been consumed on the trip. His slender means were exhausted by that time, and he was obliged to borrow money to pay his way to Cleveland, where he was fortunate enough to obtain a position in a clothing store. There he faithfully performed every duty for seven years, after which he worked in a grocery for two years.

Mr. Lange was economical and judicious in the expenditure of his earnings, and in 1859 he came to Champaign county and rented land in Hensley township for four years. He then purchased eighty acres, only thirty-five of which had been broken. At first not more than two-thirds of the

place could be cultitivated, but by placing tile and making ditches, the land was all reclaimed and rendered very productive. Many substantial improvements were made upon the homestead by the owner, and today it is one of the most valuable farms in the country, comprising, as it does, five hundred acres, situated in one body. It is well stocked with cattle, and in the raising of live stock he has been particularly successful.

The marriage of Mr. Lane and Elizabeth Leidendecker took place May 5, 1860, and on the 20th of September, 1874, the devoted wife and mother was called to the better land. Henry, her eldest-born, is a farmer of Hensley township, and to himself and wife, formerly Bertha Wolfe, two daughters have been born, named, respectively, Nora and Gertie. Albert, also an agriculturist, chose Amanda Faulker for his wife, and their children are named: Laura, Gilbert and Cora. Amelia, wife of William Luehrmann, of Altamont, has two children, Gussie and Oscar. Edward, also a resident of Altamont, married Alvina Kopplin. Mary is the wife of August Luehrmann, a well known business man of St. Louis, and their three children are: Edna, Irving and Elmer. Julia, wife of Gustve Kopplin, of Altamont, has one son, Franc. On the 3rd of January, 1879, Mr. Lange married Louisa Luehrmann, daughter of John H. Luehrmann, of St. Louis, and their union has been blessed with three children, George, now a successful book-keeper; Clara, who died when in her eleventh year, and Oscar, in school. Mrs. Lange was the widow of Louis Meyer, by whom she had two children: William, of Shumway, Illinois, and Louis, manager of a commission house in St. Louis The father of Mrs. Lange was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1828, and in his early manhood he was a solider in the army. In 1844 he came to this country and for nineteen years made his home in St. Louis, where he married Katherine Auftermark, a native of Hanover. In 1863, he removed to the town of Venedy, Washington, where he conducted a mercantile business, owned a mill in partnership with another man and was actively connected with various undertakings for five years. Then, going to Lively Grove, he served as the postmaster there, and, at the end of five years, returned to St. Louis. His last years were spent in Blue Point, Illinois.

In 1895, Mr. Lange built a beautiful residence at No. 507 West Springfield avenue, Champaign, and now lives retired, enjoying the fruits of past years of labor. Both he and his wife are active members of the Lutheran church, the former being a director, and when the new church building was recently constructed, he was an efficient worker on the committee having the matter in charge. He has been a zealous supporter of the Republican party, and no one in his community has been more interested in the establishment and maintenance of excellent public schools. In brief, he is a representative American—devoted to everything making for the permanent welfare of the country with which he cast his lot just half a century ago.

JOHN BRAGG, a retired wagon maker and blacksmith living at No. 103 Vine street, Champaign, was born in the city of London, England, May 19, 1826, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bragg, who, with their family, emigrated to the United

States when our subject was ten years old, landing in New York. In that city the mother died in 1844, at the age of sixty-two years, but the father long survived her, dying in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1874, at the age of eighty-four years. In London he followed the carpenter's trade, and continued to work at that occupation in this country until age compelled his retirement. Both he and his wife were active and faithful members of the Baptist church, of which he was an officer, and, an honest, upright man and earnest Christian, he commanded the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

The subject of this sketch is the youngest in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) George was in the employ of the English government for over a quarter of a century, being clerk of works in the fortifications at Gibraltar for many years. He was then retired on a pension large enough to keep him comfortably during the remainder of his life. He was a faithful man in Her Majesty's service, and was the pride of the family. After his retirement from governmental duties, he engaged in preaching for the Baptist church until called from this life at the age of eighty years. He married Anna Golden and had several children. (2) Emily died at the age of eighteen years. (3) Charlotte, born in 1815, married James Fielder, of Jersey City, and died in 1843. She had two children, who are still living in that city, her son, George B. Fielder, having served for many years as county clerk of Hudson county, New Jersey. The other child is Mrs. Emily Bliss. (4) Frederick married Jane Bassett, and they are living in Lawn Ridge, Marshall county, Illinois. Their children are Mrs. Elizabeth Van Tassel; Arlington; John; George, deceased; Irving; Newton; Mrs. Hattie Miller; and Emily. (5) Edwin was a shoemaker of Erie county, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. He had a wife and several children. (6) Charles was a carpenter by trade and was killed by falling from a building on which he was at work. He had a wife and children.

John Bragg began his education in the public schools of London, and after coming to America commenced learning the wagon-maker's and blacksmith's trade. He attended school on Long Island for a time, and as a boy worked in the carpenter shop of his father until seventeen years of age, when he started out in life for himself. He continued to make his home in New York City until 1856, working for the Brewster Carriage Company, whose work was distributed all over the United States.

In the meantime Mr. Bragg was married in 1852, to Miss Elizabeth Bassett, a daughter of Michael and Hester Bassett and a sister of his brother Frederick's wife. She died in 1870, at the age of thirty-eight years, and Mr. Bragg was again married, in December, 1872, his second union being with Miss Mary Harris, a daughter of Christopher C. and Margaret (Hemphill) Harris, the former a native of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, the latter of County Antrim, Ireland. The father was born February 4, 1822, and is the youngest and only survivor in a family of seven children, the others being William, James, Sarah, wife of Charles Howard; Mary, wife of Isaac Tittle; Louisa, wife of Alfred Orr; and Charlotte, wife of William McVita. Mr. Harris is also a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation for many years. In 1850 he removed from Ohio to Scott county, Indiana, and six years later came to Champaign county, Illinois, locating in East Bend

township, where he engaged in farming until the fall of 1868, when he took up his residence in Champaign, then called West Urbana, and here he has since made his home. For four years he served as township clerk. Since the age of thirteen he has been an active and consistent member of the Congregational church, and has filled the office of deacon since 1865. On the 25th of November, 1844, he married Margaret Hemphill, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, January 1, 1822, a daughter of James and Jane Hemphill. Her father died in that country, and in 1862 her mother came to the United States, where she died ten years later, at the age of eighty-four. They had four children: James, deceased; Robert, a resident of Peoria, Illinois; Mary and Margaret. Mrs. Harris died September 15, 1899, aged seventy-seven years. At an early age she united with the Presbyterian church in Ireland, and was always a sincere and faithful Christian.

Mrs. Bragg is the oldest of the six children of the Harris family. Lucy A. was instantly killed by lightning July 30, 1856, at the age of eight years, while the family were living in Scott county, Indiana. The house was struck, but strange to say no other member of the family was injured. Louise is the wife of Arthur Barnes, who is clerking in a manufacturing establishment in Champaign. Charlotte M. is the wife of Erwin Arnold, of Elgin, Illinois, and they have two children, Willett and Harry. Minerva is the wife of W. H. Nicolet, of Chicago, and they have one child, Bessie. Margaret is the wife of John L. Pierce, of Omaha, Nebraska, and they have three sons, Dwight, Roy and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Mary Isabella Bragg, a very prominent Sunday school worker, who is now assistant secretary in the office of W. B. Jacobs, the noted Sunday school man of Chicago.

On leaving New York City, in 1856, Mr. Bragg came to Champaign county, Illinois, and first located on a farm three and a half miles north of Champaign, but two years later removed to that city, where he has since made his home. He had the first wagon shop that was conducted here longer than three months, and did quite a large and successful business for those early days, employing two blacksmiths and one painter. Being a man of industrious habits and good business ability, he succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competence, and is now able to lay aside all business cares and live a retired life, though when disposed he still does some work for the accommodation of his friends.

Politically, Mr. Bragg has nearly always affiliated with the Republican party except a few times when he voted the Prohibition ticket. In 1851 he united with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in New York City, and on coming to Champaign brought with him a card of recommendation to the lodge here, with which he has now been connected for thirty years. He has passed through all the chairs and has represented the lodge in the Grand Lodge of the state for nine years. He has also been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1871, and of the Congregational church since 1860. His wife is also a member of that church, and a teacher in the Sabbath school. She is an officer in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, having served as president of the local organization and treasurer of the district society, and has been a great worker

in various organizations which have for their object the betterment of mankind. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bragg are widely and favorably known, and it is safe to say that no couple in the community are more highly respected and esteemed.

JOHN QUAYLE, now living retired in Champaign, was one of the pioneers of this state, and deserves special mention in its annals. Nobly and conscientiously did he battle with the privations and difficulties which only the frontiersman knows, and faithfully has he performed his duty towards his fellow-men and towards his large family, now reared to maturity and taking honored places in society. When duty and inclination conflicted, he did not hesitate between them, but patiently and from principle endeavored to do what he believed to be right, and thus is entitled to the high esteem of all.

A native of the Isle of Man, England, John Quayle was born June 25, 1833, a son of James and Ann (Harrison) Quayle, who passed their entire lives upon a farm there. When he had arrived at his majority, John Quayle joined five young men bound for the United States, and at Rochester, New York, where he had a sister living, he made a pleasant visit, before proceeding westward. Going then to Buffalo, he procured a team and drove to Detroit, and thence to Chicago and Peoria. He found plenty of work in that county and the following spring went to Henry county, where he took a position at herding cattle on the prairies. Many a day passed that he did not behold the face of a human being, but at night the wolves made the hours hideous, and wild game of various kinds was plentiful. Returning to Peoria county, he worked for farmers again, and all of this time carefully saved his earnings. When he saw his way clear to the establishment of a home, he returned to his native island where he married Jane Skinner, who has proved a true helpmate to him in every respect. His parents were by this time well along in years, and, as they needed him to comfort and care for them, he remained on the old homestead, tenderly seeing that their wants were supplied, until they received the summons to the better land.

Though the care of his parents necessitated Mr. Quayle's remaining at his birthplace for a number of years after he had determined to cast in his lot with the pioneers of Illinois, he considered himself an American and longed for the time when he might really set about the development of a good farm in the great Prairie state. When he returned to the United States for the second time, he had a wife and twelve children to provide for, and practically he had to begin at the beginning, financially. It was nine years ere he was able to buy a farm of his own, and, in the meantime, he leased land in Scott township, Champaign county, and some seasons cultivated several hundred acres. The homestead which he owns in Champaign township comprises one hundred and thirty-four acres, one-third of which was under water much of the year, at the time of his purchase. To-day there is not an acre incapable of cultivation, and, by means of three car-loads of tiles, varying from four to twelve inches in diameter, and ditches placed where needed, the land has been properly drained, and is very fertile and productive. The thrifty owner has instituted numerous other improvements, has divided the farm into fields of equal size,

and has a fine hedge around the entire place. Five or six yoke of cattle were required to break the prairie and the task was exceedingly difficult at best.

But many years of persistent labor brought their due reward, and now, as the shadows of eventide lengthen in his pathway of life, Mr. Quayle is in the possession of ample means. Recently he built a beautiful modern residence at No. 838 West Church street, and is now dwelling here. He has seen his twelve children grow to mature years, and many of them occupying homes of their own, respected members of the several communities in which they reside. In order of birth they are named as follows: Mrs. Jane Collier, of Chicago; Thomas and William, farmers of this county; Katherine; Edward; Robert; Daniel; Mrs. Anna Hartley, of Iowa; Mrs. Lizzie Flower; Henry; Arthur, of Chicago; and Fannie. The parents are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal church, and are liberal contributors to the maintenance of the noble work of the various departments of that denomination.

CHARLES GEHRKE. The biographer takes special pleasure in tracing the history of men who have won success in honest industry and good business management, overcoming adverse circumstances, and proving their ability to cope with competition and the thousand disadvantages which a foreigner must contend against. The subject of this memoir is a loyal citizen, upholding all the laws and institutions of this, the land of his adoption, and he takes particular pains to inculcate in the minds of his children the same high principles of patriotism by which he is governed.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Charles Gehrke was born in the village of Velpke, Hanover, Germany, the date of his nativity being June 18, 1852. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Shultz) Gehrke, respected citizens and members of the Lutheran church. The father was a stone-mason, and made a good living for himself and family.

After completing the excellent education which the schools of Germany afford its children, he was apprenticed to the baker's trade, and served for three years, becoming thoroughly acquainted with the business in all of its details. He then worked as a journeyman in different parts of the German empire until the time when he was obliged to enter the army, in accordance with the military regulations. There he served for three years, beginning with the year in which the Franco-German war was finished.

On the 25th of January, 1881, Mr. Gehrke married Sophia Bank, of Schoppenstedt, and, after a few years of wedded life, they decided to try their fortunes in the United States. In all of his undertakings, our subject has found a faithful helpmate in his wife, and together they have borne many sorrows and vicissitudes, as five of their ten children they have had to place in the tomb. Robert, who has mastered the baker's trade, is engaged in business with his father, and is a promising youth. Otto, Alma, Jennie, and Amanda (who is studying music) are at home, the three youngest being pupils in the local school. Alma has developed considerable musical ability and is being given special training in the art which they love.

It was fifteen years ago that Mr. Gehrke crossed the Atlantic with the purpose of founding a home in America. Landing in Baltimore, he proceeded with his family to

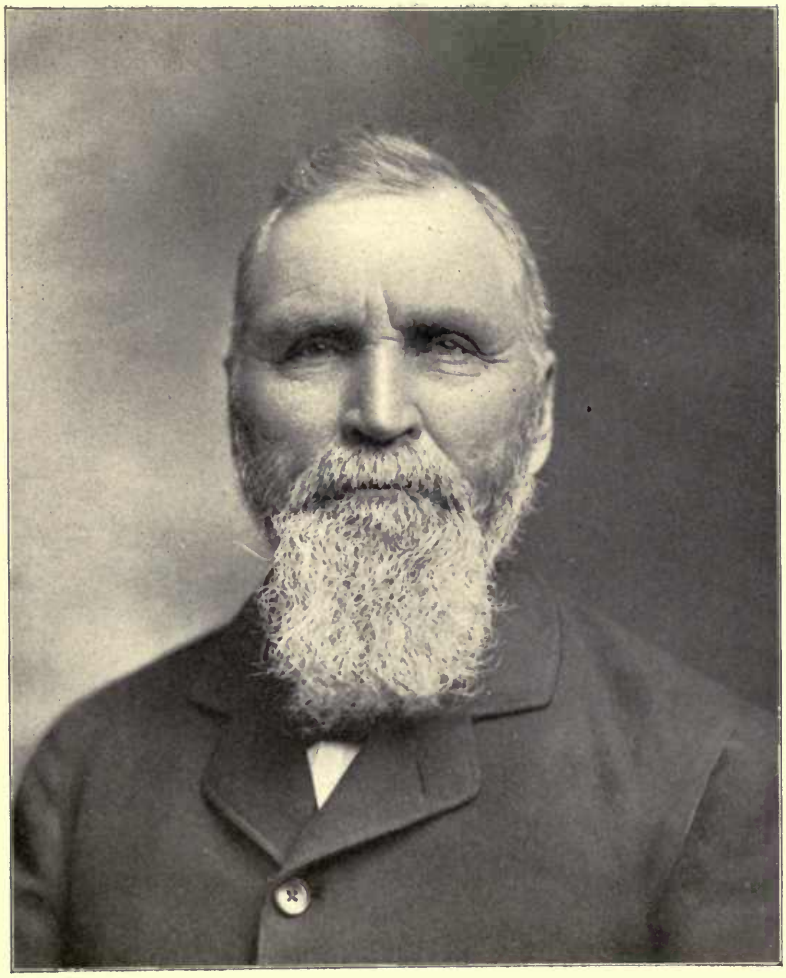
Champaign county, and, as he was unable to speak any English, he was glad to accept a position at his trade with those who were willing to employ him. At the end of five years, he opened a small bakery at No. 207 East Clark street, which property he had purchased with his carefully accumulated earnings. At first, he built only a good oven, and had a small shop in the rear of his premises, but at the end of two years he erected a substantial store fronting the street. Little by little he ingratiated himself into the favor of the public, and now is managing a very remunerative business, buying flour by the car-load lot, keeping two or more teams busy and several men employed. In 1899 he engaged in shipping bread to several adjoining towns. He makes a specialty of fine baking and pastry, supplying parties and banquets and taking orders for whatever is desired by his patrons. He has a pleasant home on his lot, which is sixty-six feet wide, and some time ago he also purchased the property next to his own. On this he built a good residence, which he rents.

Every one having dealings with Mr. Gehrke speaks in high terms of his integrity and energetic methods and wishes him success. Fraternally he is associated with the Druids and Modern Woodmen of America and with the Mutual Aid Society. Religiously, he is a member of the German Evangelical church, and liberally assists in various philanthropic movements, calculated to benefit humanity in general.

ZACHARIAH EMIG, of Champaign, is the possessor of a handsome property which now enables him to spend his years in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his life, previous to 1893, is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man, who has bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence for himself and family.

Mr. Emig was born in York, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1828, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Fleager) Emig, who spent their entire lives in that place. The grandparents, Michael and Sophia (Dendelinger) Emig, were born in this country of German ancestry, and he was a farmer by occupation. The family name is shortened from the earlier German spelling Emich. The father of our subject followed farming throughout life and also worked at the millwright's trade, building mills in the neighborhood of his home for many years. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and most estimable people.

The subject of this sketch received a good education in the Evangelical school of York, and on starting out in life for himself turned his attention to farming. In 1852 he came to Illinois on horseback, a distance of nearly one thousand miles, carrying all his worldly possessions in his saddle bags. Roads had been made, but the settlements in this state were then widely scattered. He located at Monticello, Piatt county, and for nine years he operated rented land. In 1865 he purchased eighty acres of railroad land, entirely unimproved, and at once turned his attention to its cultivation and development. He built a house and fences, and placed acre after acre under the plow. Later he purchased another eighty-acre tract on the same section, and tiled and improved the whole place, making it one of the most desirable farms of its size in the locality. For twenty-five years he made



ZACHARIAH EMIG.

that place his home, and was extensively engaged in the raising of stock and grain. He raised both cattle and horses, but his specialty was heavy work horses of the Percheron breed. In his undertaking he met with well-deserved success, and is now able to lay aside all business cares and enjoy the fruits of former toil. Leaving the farm in November, 1893, he moved to Champaign, and purchased a pleasant home at No. 311 East Springfield avenue, where he now resides.

On the 18th of February, 1857, Mr. Emig was united in marriage with Miss Mary Pifer, of Monticello, also a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Stephen A. and Elizabeth (Eichinger) Pifer, who came to this state about 1850. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Emig, one died at the age of three years and a half, and the others are Ellen, now the wife of William Brittenham, of St. Louis, Missouri. Kate, wife of Nelson Reed, who lives near Shelbyville, Illinos; Lizzie, wife of William Ogden, of Mississippi; Charles, who married Bertha Smith and lives on his father's farm; Della, wife of Len Judkins, of Effingham; Minnie and Francis, both at home. They also have seventeen grandchildren, five of whom are now grown.

The Republican party finds in Mr. Emig an ardent supporter of its princicles, but he has never been an aspirant for official honors. For many years he and his wife were active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Monticello, and since coming to Champaign have united with the congregation here. He was class leader at the country appointment near his home, and was superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens who lead quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives, and constitute the best portion of a community. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

A J. CLARK, one of the representative business men of Urbana, comes from one of the pioneer families of Champaign county, and his paternal ancestors were early settlers in Virginia. His grandfather, Samuel F. Clark, removed to Scioto county, Ohio, when a child, and there grew to manhood. For a wife he chose Mary, daughter of Henry Utt, a native of Germany, who had located in the Buckeye state at an early day, and in payment for supplying the first surveyors of his section of the state with provisions, received two acres of land per day, until he had three hundred and fifty acres near the present town of Lucasville, Ohio. In 1826, S. F. Clark removed to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and there cleared a farm.

The father of the subject of this article, the Hon. Erastus J. Clark, was born May 2, 1831, the fourth in a family of ten children. He was reared at his birthplace in Tippecanoe county, then almost an unbroken wilderness, and in his early years he often saw large bands of Indians who were engaged in hunting in the forest, but were not unfriendly to the white men. An important event in his life was his marriage, November 13, 1851, to Maria Kirkpatrick, daughter of James Kirkpatrick. She was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, later resided in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and at the time of her marriage was living in Mahomet township, Champaign county.

Mr. Clark continued to dwell in this county for many years, engaged in farming, and then went to Gray county, Kansas. At the time of his death, in 1898, he was making his home at Enid, Oklahoma Territory. It is a remarkable fact that, though he ran for office twenty-six times, such was his popularity that he never sustained a defeat. While living in this county he served as justice of the peace two terms and in Gray county, Kansas, was recorder of deeds four years. He also was honored by being chosen to represent his county in the territorial legislature of Oklahoma, and at the time of his death was a member of the Oklahoma senate. He lived to be nearly sixty-nine years of age, and died, regretted and mourned by a large number of personal friends and general business and political associates. In politics, he maintained absolute independence of party, making a point, however, of never voting for any man whose sympathies had been or were with the South in the war of the Rebellion. When Peter Cooper was a candidate for office, he was one of the eighty-four thousand independent men who voted for that gentlemen. Both himself and wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were active in all worthy movements. She is living in Enid, Oklahoma territory, and has attained her sixty-ninth year.

The third of four children, A. J. Clark was born April 21, 1862, on the parental farm in this county. His elder sister, Dora, is the wife of A. J. Burns, a farmer of Cimarron, Kansas, and Eva M., wife of C. C. Castle, resides upon a farm near Omo, Oklahoma Territory. Clinton F. is a prosperous and influential citizen of Enid, same territory. He is extensively engaged in stock raising, and at present is deputy to the county sheriff. His wife was Ada Hungate in her girlhood.

A. J. Clark received a good education in the district schools of this county, and in those of Urbana. He then turned his attention to agriculture and the raising of live stock. In 1894 he went to Ford county, Kansas, where he was a member of the firm of Clark & Kern, real estate dealers, until 1896. Then, going to Oklahoma, he was occupied in agricultural pursuits for two years, at the end of which period he returned to Urbana. Here he entered into partnership with R. T. Robertson, who withdrew from the firm within a year, and towards the close of 1899 the present arrangement with Mr. Coffin was made, the style being Clark & Coffin. They not only deal in real estate, but also in live stock, especially horses, and are making a success of their enterprises.

Soon after reaching his majority, A. J. Clark married Laura, daughter of Owen T. and Mary J. Mallon, formerly of Franklin county, Ohio. They are both living, as are six of their seven children. Allen, an Iowa farmer, married Anna Actrum, and has five children. Charles, a farmer of this county, married Jennie Lease, and had four children, two of whom survive. Sallie is the wife of W. A. Lewis, a conductor on the Illinois Central. Arthur and John, unmarried, and firemen on the Big Four railroad, reside in Urbana. Aaron, deceased, was a farmer of this county. He chose Ada Phillips for a wife, and they had three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the parents of three children, namely: Charlie C., Claude E. and Nellie J.

Fraternally, Mr. Clark is a member of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of

Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has no aspirations to public office. He owns a good residence at No. 211 West Green street, and in addition to this, he owns valuable farms in Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma, all of which property he leases to responsible tenants.

CHARLES HEBEL, one of the young business men of Champaign, has demonstrated within the past few years what can be accomplished by pluck and perseverance. Without assistance of any sort, he has steadily forged his way to the front, and now enjoys the well earned respect of every one who knows him.

One of the native sons of Champaign county, Mr. Hebel was born in Urbana, August 26, 1876. His father, George Hebel, now a resident of Boulder, Jefferson county, Montana, is a baker by trade, and during his residence in Champaign did much of the fine work in his line for the leading people of this locality. It was in 1875 that he located here, coming from our neighbor state, Indiana. Later, he went to Urbana, and still later, to the northwest. His wife, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Naomi A. Colvin. She was born in Indiana, and is a daughter of William Colvin, one of the early settlers in Champaign.

In his boyhood, Charles Hebel attended the common schools of Champaign, and gained a practical business education. He then began learning the trade of a paperhanger with Samuel Smith, in whose employ he continued for three years. During this period, when he had so earnestly striven to please that he was in great demand with the public, he concluded to embark in business upon his own account, and carefully accumulated what he could save from his earnings, as capital for his venture. He was only twenty years old when he started out independently, taking orders for paperhanging and decoration of rooms, and the next year he opened a small shop at 203 South Wright street. At first he had only a few, but well chosen, varieties of paper in stock, but, little by little, he added to this, until to-day he keeps a splendid line of goods, representing the latest ideas in wall decoration, and at prices suited to every purse. He is now established in large and pleasant quarters at No. 608 East White street, his own building. His trade, which is constantly growing, is not exclusively that of house adornment, for he has executed many contracts of fine work for stores and public buildings, like that of the Young Men's Christian Association. He has it as a fixed principle that all work undertaken by him shall be made thoroughly satisfactory to his patrons, and thus his reputation has been built upon a sure basis. He owns a good house and lot in addition to his business block on South Wright street.

When a mere youth, Mr. Hebel developed considerable talent as an entertainer, and one season, comprising some forty weeks, he traveled with Gilbert & Owens Comedy Company. He was assigned a good part and played it with marked ability, and, though some of his experiences were not particularly pleasant, and led to his determination to seek another line of permanent employment, his mind was necessarily broadened and his store of general information greatly increased, for he met all classes of people and journeyed all over the

central states, as well as through Kentucky and Tennessee.

On the 29th of September, 1898, Mr. Hebel and Miss Goldie J. Carman, daughter of Benjamin F. Carman, of Urbana, were united in marriage, at Paris, Illinois. They have a little daughter, Merribel Margaret, the pride of their happy home. Mrs. Hebel is a member of the Christian church of Urbana, and Mr. Hebel is an attendant upon the services, and a contributor to the maintenance of religious work. Both have numerous friends, here and elsewhere, whom they enjoy entertaining in the home made attractive by their united labors. Through his energy and perseverance he has gained the confidence and encouragement of a number of business men of the Twin Cities.

GEORGE E. McCARTY, who is well and favorably known, particularly in local Democratic circles in Champaign, is a native of this flourishing place, his birth having occurred here when the city was in its infancy, September 27, 1858. His parents, Patrick and Mary (Graham) McCarty, were born in Ireland, and were married in Champaign on Christmas day, 1856. The father was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company for thirty-six years, and was highly esteemed by those who knew him. Both he and his estimable wife were pioneer members of St. Mary's Catholic church of this city, and, though they have finished their earthly career, they are lovingly remembered by a multitude of old-time friends.

When he had completed his education, George E. McCarty began his railroading life, which extended over a period of many years. He was at first employed by the Illinois Central and was in the round-house here from 1875 to 1876, after which he acted in the capacity of fireman on the road for three years. Then for a year he was with the Wabash, running between Peru, Indiana, and Peoria, Illinois, and later he was fireman upon the line between Sedalia and Kansas City, Missouri, and Pleasant Hill and Joplin. Going into the Lone Star state, he obtained a position with the Texas Pacific, and, after proving his ability as a fireman, was promoted, at the end of a month's service, to the post of engineer. After eighteen months spent in that place, he became connected with the Cotton Belt Railroad, as fireman upon a passenger engine, his run being between Texarkana and Waco, Texas. At the end of three months he was transferred to a position as engineer of a switch engine, at Corsicana. Not liking that department of business, he proceeded to Salt Lake City, where he was a member of the city paid fire department for six months. He then accepted a position as fireman on the Union Pacific, his run being from Ogden to Milford, Utah, and this place he retained for three years. The ensuing year or two he was variously employed on Montana railroads, and at the end of that time he decided to try a distinct change of occupation. Returning to his birth place, he engaged in the restaurant business, and for seven years devoted his entire attention to the enterprise, of which he made a success.

For a long time Mr. McCarty has been very active in the affairs of the Democratic party in this locality, and in April, 1894, he was elected alderman from his ward. Since then he has been honored with re-election twice, and has fully met the expectations

of his friends. He claims to have no deeper interest than that of the workingmen, and has endeavored to prove this in many ways. He it was who introduced the ordinance providing for nine hours per day and payment of a dollar and a half a day to all men employed by the city on improvements, and he was the only one in the council to fight the peddler's ordinance. When the Anti-trust League met in Chicago, he was sent as a delegate from Champaign, and upon every suitable occasion he fearlessly proclaims his political views. Religiously, he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

JAMES BATTERSHELL, whose home is at No. 208 West Oregon street, Urbana, is one of the pioneers of this section of the state, and was for many years one of the leading agriculturists of Champaign county, but is now living retired from active labor, quietly enjoying the income which he accumulated in former years. He well remembers when this region was almost an unbroken wilderness, when deer and wolves roamed over the prairies, and game of all kinds abounded. In the work of development and progress he has borne an active part, and is justly numbered among the honored pioneers and useful citizens of the community.

Mr. Battershell was born in Clark county, Kentucky, February 2, 1833, a son of William and Elizabeth (Wills) Battershell, also natives of Kentucky. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, brought his family to this state in 1839, and first located in Edgar county, where he spent nine years. He then returned to Kentucky, where he lived until 1864, and at the end of that time came to Champaign county, and settled on a farm north of Blue Mound, where he made his home until called from this life November 27, 1880, at the age of seventy-two years. He was buried on his farm with Masonic honors, being a member of that fraternity. From boyhood he held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and from the age of fourteen years his wife has also been a consistent and faithful member of the same church. On the 2nd of April, 1900, she will be eighty-five years of age, but is now in feeble health. Of her it might be truthfully said that she "has fought a good fight, finished her course and kept the faith." Her father was Thornton Wills, who belonged to a family noted for the number of its members and longevity. He was a farmer and freeholder of Kentucky. He died during the Civil war and the negroes owned by him were distributed among his children, stipulating in his will that none should be sold outside the family. Both he and his wife lived to be eighty-three years of age, were devout and earnest Christians, and very influential in church matters. Of their thirteen children six are still living, namely: Kittie, wife of Arthur Everman; Caroline, wife of Richard Johnson; Simpson; Rev. Greenberry; William, and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Battershell.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest in a family of thirteen children; John E., the next in order of birth, died in boyhood; Sarah is the wife of Jefferson Toland, of Urbana; Mary E. is the wife of Gibson Everman, of Kentucky; Sanford A. married Letha Naylor and lives in Montana; Amanda is the widow of Charles Case, and makes her home in Kansas; Simpson married Mary Berry, sister of our subject's wife, and lives

in Henning, Illinois; Nancy is the wife of R. Hudson, a teamster of Urbana; Rosella is the wife of Samuel Everman, of Kentucky; Catherine is the wife of J. P. Bartles, postmaster of Dewey, Illinois; Daniel T. married Margaret Brookbanks and lives in Kansas; and two died in infancy.

James Battershell was six years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this state, and amid pioneer scenes he grew to manhood, while his education was obtained in the district schools. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in farming, to which pursuit he had been reared, and has followed that occupation both in Champaign and Vermilion counties. He has met with marked success in his life-work, and is now the owner of one-half section of land under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good and substantial buildings. In connection with general farming, he has followed stock raising quite extensively, but for the past three years has rented his farm and lived a retired life in Urbana.

In Powell county, Kentucky, Mr. Battershell was married, July 27, 1854, to Miss Rebecca T. Matzabaugher, a daughter of David and Hannah (Baker) Matzabaugher, in whose family were six children, the others being Henrietta, wife of Samuel Rider, a farmer of Indiana; Lizzie, wife of Joseph Birley, a farmer of Stanton township, this county; Susie, who was married three times, and lives in Wisconsin; Margaret, wife of Henderson Scott, a carpenter of Rantoul township, this county; and Hannah, widow of Joseph James. Mrs. Battershell was born February 16, 1839, and died August 4, 1883. She held membership in the Christian church and was a most estimable lady.

By his first marriage our subject had ten children, namely: (1) Elizabeth, born March 2, 1856, died July 14, 1862. (2) William C., born July 11, 1858, died August 7, 1872. (3) Sarah V. is the wife of J. H. Johnson, of Urbana, and they have seven children, Hannah T., Jessie, Norman, Isabel, Lottie M., Rolley E. and Allie M. (4) Davis S., who operates his father's farm, married Laura Atkinson, and they have five children, Earl V., Goldie, Pearl, Jessie and an infant. (5) John W. married Laura B. Berry, and follows farming in Crawford county, Illinois. They had five children, James E.; Oscar, deceased; Josephine; Ransom, and Gladys. (6) Isabel is the wife of William Kirkpatrick, of State Line, Indiana, and they have three children, Leroy, Minnie M. and an infant. (7) George W. married Rilla Divens and is a farmer of State Line. (8) Effie J. is the wife of Charles Thornsborough, of Jamesburg, Vermilion county, and they have four children, Phœbe, Nellie, Banner and an infant. (9) Charles E. is a farmer of Jamesburg. (10) Rebecca T. died in infancy.

Mr. Battershell was again married, February 12, 1884, his second union being with Mrs. Martha (Berry) Davis, a daughter of William P. and Nancy (Hulce) Berry, of Clark county, Kentucky, where they are still living at the ages of seventy-two and seventy years respectively. Their children are Mary, wife of Simpson Battershell, a brother of our subject; Martha, wife of our subject; Barbara Ann, widow of James Anderson and a resident of Potomac; Sarah E., wife of Achilles Ware, a farmer of Vermilion county, Illinois; Candace, wife of William Newman, of Missouri; Josephine, wife of W. T. Roberts, of Vermilion county; David H., who married Lizzie Lee,

and lives in Clark county, Kentucky; and Laura Bell, wife of John Battershell, a farmer of Crawford county, Illinois. Mrs. Battershell first married Jefferson Davis, who died March 4, 1871, at the age of twenty-five years, leaving one child, Samuel J., a resident of Iowa, who married Minnie Brown, of Ogden, Illinois, and has two children, Eva and Paul. Our subject and his wife are both active members of the Disciples church, and he is a supporter of the Prohibition party. During his long residence in this county he has championed every movement designed to promote the general welfare, has supported every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social and moral interests. After a useful and honorable career he can well afford to lay aside all business cares and live in ease and retirement.

JOHN TIERNEY. Few citizens of Champaign are better known or more thoroughly respected than John Tierney, who has made his home here for nearly three decades. He was born in County Monahan, Ireland, in November, 1848, a son of Peter and Anna (Murphy) Tierney, who, like their ancestors for many generations, were natives of the same county and farmers by occupation. When John Tierney was about a year old, his parents came to the United States, but left him in the care of a relative until such a time as they had founded a home and had made some provision for the future. The father was accidentally killed while assisting in the removal of the state house stairs, at Springfield, Illinois, about 1854, and the mother continued to make her home in that city until her death.

When he was three years old, our subject was brought to the United States, and in the public schools of Springfield he acquired his education. When he was old enough, he commenced serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and continued in that calling in Springfield until 1871, when he took up his permanent abode in Champaign. Here he assisted in the building of a mill and elevator for Richards Brothers, and was employed in the construction of the main building of the university. Then he was connected with the carpenter shops of the Big Four Railroad for a period of nine years, after which he resumed his work for the university, and for the past fifteen years has been regularly employed there. At the time he went back to this institution, he supposed that the tasks set before him would occupy him for a few days only, but he has been kept busy, with repairing, when nothing else more important was on the docket, and this fact speaks volumes for the thoroughness of all work performed by him, showing that his fidelity is appreciated. He is a practical cabinet maker, and often has turned out fine specimens of furniture, book-cases, tables, desks and cupboards, used in the various departments of the college.

Several years ago, Mr. Tierney purchased two lots at the corner of White and Sixth streets. The small house which stood upon this property he replaced in 1895 with a beautiful modern residence, and, with his family, has taken great pleasure in improving the place, now considered one of the finest homes on the east side of the city. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, being past chancellor of his lodge and representative to the grand lodge, and he also belongs to the Uniformed Rank of this order.

Besides, he is associated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and the Royal Neighbors. In local affairs he is independent of party, but in national elections he votes the Democratic ticket.

The marriage of Mr. Tierney and Sarah Harding took place February 5, 1874. Their eldest-born, John H., a graduate of the Champaign schools, is now engaged in the manufacture of cigars here. George H., Margaret, Myrtle M. and Jennie B. are at home. Mrs. Tierney is a daughter of James and Margaret (Crane) Harding, natives of England and Ireland, respectively. They were married at Hoboken, New Jersey, and there the father died. The widow and her daughter came to this city in 1862, and here the latter was educated. She is identified with the Baptist church of Urbana, and is deeply interested in all kinds of Christian and benevolent work.

EDWARD W. BLAINE. In reviewing the history of Champaign county it is seen that the Blaine family has been actively associated with its upbuilding and improvement for thirty-five years, and that no more patriotic citizens have dwelt within its borders. The subject of this article, whose life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits since he cast in his lot with us, just after the close of the great Civil war, is now retired from active labor, and is quietly passing his declining years in Champaign, where he has a pleasant home.

The paternal grandparents of E. W. Blaine came westward from the vicinity of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to what afterwards was known as Armstrong county, same state, and, having cleared a large homestead, gradually amassed a competence. The parents of E. W., William and Elizabeth (Wiggins) Blaine, were both natives of the Keystone state, and passed through all of the experiences incident to pioneer life. They lived upon a farm in the midst of the forest, which gradually was leveled by the untiring labors of the father and his sons, while they not only raised their own flax and wool, but spun and wove it into cloth, thus providing for the needs of a large family. The wife and mother was called to her reward when she was fifty-four years of age, but the father lived to the advanced age of ninety. He accompanied our subject to this county in 1865, and, buying a homestead, continued to dwell thereon until his life came to a close. Eleven of his twelve children attained maturity, namely: James, Eliza, Edward W., John, Ellen, Deborah, Jennie, Nancy, Isabella, Margaret and Hattie. Of these, Ellen, Nancy and John are deceased.

Edward W. Blaine was born in Armstrong county, September 21, 1825, and, as may be supposed, his educational advantages, as he grew up, were extremely limited, being confined to a few terms at subscription schools. On the farm he learned the lessons of husbandry and economy, of industry and fortitude, that have been potent factors in his later success. Then, for several years, he engaged in the heavy work of teaming for the local furnaces, hauling ore and timber, after which he went to the oil regions in Mercer county, and found employment there in various lines until 1865, when he came to Champaign county, and invested some of his earnings in one hundred and twenty acres of land, situated upon section 27. The property was uncultivated, and with resolute energy the young man be-



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gan to improve the place, which in time was made to "bloom and blossom as the rose." At the end of ten years, he had prospered so greatly that he purchased sixty acres more, and this, also, he vastly improved, using excellent judgment in the raising of crops, and materially increasing the value of the homestead by judicious expenditure. The place is to-day considered one of the best in this part of the county, and it annually yields a good income to the fortunate owner. Though frequently urged to accept public office, Mr. Blaine had no desire to enter politics, though he was commissioner of highways two terms, and for sixteen years acted efficiently as a member of the school board. His ballot was always devoted to the support of the Republican party. The marriage of E. W. Blaine and Nancy Adams, a native of Armstrong county, and daughter of William Adams, was solemnized in 1859. Mr. Adams was a tanner by trade, and owned one of the largest tanneries in Armstrong county. Mrs. Blaine, who was married subsequent to her father's death, was the second of his six children. The two elder children of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine, Ida and William, died when eight and six years of age, respectively. Shields A., the next in order of birth, and now living with his father, holds the responsible position of teller in the First National Bank of this city, and Walter, who is a prominent physician of Tuscola, Illinois, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. The mother departed this life in 1870. The second marriage of E. W. Blaine took place in March, 1873, when Miss Sarah Wilson, daughter of James Wilson, of Armstrong county, became his bride. Their eldest-born, Wilson, now carries on the old Champaign county homestead. Edith, wife of Harvey English, resides in Champaign township, this county, and has one child, Ruth. Edna keeps house for her father, since the death of Mrs. Blaine, who was called to the better land on the 28th of August, 1899, and was placed to rest in beautiful Mount Hope cemetery. Both she and our subject have long been members of the Presbyterian church.

In the winter of 1899-1900, Mr. Blaine erected an attractive modern home on University avenue, Champaign, and here, cheered and cared for by his loving sons and daughters, he hopes to pass his remaining years in the enjoyment of well deserved prosperity.

JAMES McCANN, a prominent manufacturer of Champaign, is especially deserving of a place in the records of his county and country, because of the terrible sufferings which he endured in order that the Union might be preserved. While it is true that the liberal humanitarianism of today benevolently advocates that the veil of charity be thrown over the past—over the dreadful Civil war, and this is well, for no one having the welfare of our beloved land sincerely at heart desires to foster sectional feeling—yet the lessons to be drawn from that dark page in the nation's history cannot be too deeply felt, and justice to all demands that the horrors of war, especially war between brothers of the same great American family, should be pointed out in a forcible manner occasionally, "lest we forget," and growing proud of our boasted unity, again fall into the awful strife of less than four decades ago.

James McCann was born in Carlinford, Ireland, November 25, 1842, a son of Mur-

tagh and Alice (Murphy) McCann, both of whom were natives of the county of Louth. In 1849, they removed with their children to the United States, and located on a farm near Glenville, New York. There the father died in 1869, and the mother departed this life in 1884. Both were members of the Catholic church, and enjoyed the respect of all who knew them.

As stated above, James McCann was but ten years of age when he became a resident of the country for whose sake he was destined to suffer and do so much. He was educated in the schools of Glenville, and learned lessons of patriotism which have proved the basis of his conduct through life, and have rendered him a citizen of whom his adopted land is proud. He was not yet twenty years of age, when, upon the 7th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry. The ensuing fall and winter, the regiment was drilled for future service at Arlington Heights and at Fairfax Court-house, later taking part in some minor skirmishes and military maneuvers. The first very important battle in which Mr. McCann participated was that of Chancellorsville. He and his comrades were ordered to carry one hundred and sixty rounds of ammunition and eight days' rations, besides an extra change of clothing, for otherwise, the forces had only a few army mules to convey needful supplies. The march was a very severe one for the men, who were on short rations, and more heavily weighed down with luggage, proportionately, than the mules. The battle began on May 1st, and Hooker, addressing his command, stated that they had "bagged the enemy," —that "for the first time in the history of the war the rebels must come out and fight instead of attacking them in their breastworks." At three o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, what was known as Barlow's Brigade (the only English-speaking brigade in the whole army corps), which included Mr. McCann's regiment, was sent upon a reconnoissance, and within an hour captured a Confederate regiment which had been hemmed in between a Maine regiment and the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth New York. Barlow's troops continued their march southward until eight o'clock, when they were commanded to return, but not to their recently occupied camp, for Stonewall Jackson had taken possession of that, in the meantime, with such of their supplies as they had left. The battle raged furiously on the next day (Sunday), Barlow's regiments being on the extreme left of the forces. During the battle of Gettysburg, Mr. McCann fought hard for several hours on the opening day of that decisive engagement, but, when the evening shadows were falling, he was taken prisoner, and, with his comrades, was started upon a weary three hundred miles march to Stanton, West Virginia, whence he was transferred by train to Belle Isle Prison, near Richmond. The poor boys were stripped of their accoutrements, knapsacks, blankets, shoes and money, and were left with merely their shirts and trousers, and with what despair did they drag themselves, weak from want of food and forced marches through the fierce July heat of that southern clime, to the prison at Belle Isle, where they arrived on the 24th of the month. At this time their rations, served once a day, at five o'clock in the afternoon, consisted of a small piece of baker's bread—a piece so tiny that it could be squeezed into a lump

that might be concealed in a man's hand—a bit of meat the size of a man's thumb, and a small cup of rice soup. The prisoners became so weak and ill from their hard treatment that the majority lay on their backs in their tents from one meal until the next, and, dizzy and fainting, dared not move suddenly, and could hardly totter a few yards without falling. The long months of torture dragged away, and on February 17, 1864, two thousand of the prisoners were told to prepare to be exchanged. Hope and fear struggled in their hearts, for they had learned by intolerable experiences to believe little of what their harsh jailers told them.

Passing rapidly over the story of the next few days, when the poor captives struggled, against almost overwhelming physical weakness, to march to the cars, Mr. McCann, among others, being kicked viciously by the guard as he passed through the doorway of the prison, where they prayed for death as the unwelcome truth was forced upon them that they were being conveyed further into the enemy's stronghold, away to the south—they at last arrived at Andersonville—soon to be known as one of the most flourishing suburbs of the region commanded by his Satanic majesty. For a few months the prison was in charge of an officer who possessed some of the attributes of a human being, but on the 1st of May that new incarnation of Mephistopheles, the infamous Colonel Wirtz, was placed in command. The "dead-line"—forty feet or so from the stockade walls, was instituted, and any one who inadvertantly crossed the boundary was shot without notice. About the 1st of September the word for which he and his comrades hourly watched and prayed, came — that they were to be exchanged. They were assured that this was the truth, and pen can not portray the pitiful struggles of the poor, starved men as they tried to stagger to the southern gate of the pens, and thence to the railroad station —many of them falling, time and again, and crawling upon hands and knees. Taken to Savannah, two thousand of them were confined in very limited quarters, or pens, for four weeks, and then conveyed on the Gulf Railroad ninety miles to a station called Blackshare. For two weeks they were encamped in the woods, and the only rations which they were given were a few scraps of bread, which the inhabitants of that region were forced to provide, and then, once more, came the cheering news of an exchange. One thousand men were to be put on this list, according to the initial of their surnames. Imagine the despair of the brave soldiers whose names, unfortunately, commenced with one of the last letters of the alphabet, and picture the feelings of Mr. McCann, whose suspense was as bad as was that of those whose fate was absolutely decided! Seemingly, fortune smiled at last upon him, for his name was called, and, after an address had been made to the happy men, in which they were assured that this was to be a bona fide exchange, and that they would be foolish, for that reason, to undertake to escape in the open country, even though there were not sufficient guards accompanying them to prevent this, perhaps, as they (the Confederate officers) were just then short of guards—the Union men started back to Savannah, and while being removed from the cars were cursed and kicked by the officers, until they arrived at their destination, the station where they supposed they were to take the train for the north. On the way to Wilmington,

whither they were being transferred, Mr. McCann became very ill, partly owing to the fact that he was convinced by a few things that no exchange of prisoners was meditated. Ft. Fisher was being bombarded when they reached Wilmington, and from Thursday morning until Sunday evening the prisoners were kept moving about, from place to place, with guards. Then followed a forced march, and, after going five miles, over almost impassable roads, our subject was forced to drop out by the wayside from sheer exhaustion. The land was swampy and so covered with water that he could not lie down, and, as he rested his head against a tree, and watched his poor, emaciated comrades file by in the semi-darkness, he cared little how soon death should release him. The guards who brought up the rear carried lighted pine knots, and, as he had not been able to drag himself more than a few feet from the highway, they discovered him, and by all manner of threats tried to compel him to resume his journey. Failing in this, they coolly proposed shooting him, and when it was seen that death had no terrors for the almost dead man, they finally assisted him upon a horse and, with some fifty other comrades, he was carried to and from the train which bore them to Goldsboro, on stretchers. When lying upon the ground, partially conscious, the kind sisters of charity ministered to him, reviving him with a draught of sweet milk, and then his senses left him, and he remembers little of the period which then followed, when he was in the hospital. At last, he heard voices speaking about a proposed exchange of prisoners, and he made what he believed was his dying request—that he might be one of the favored ones, that he might be allowed to die beneath the flag for which he had suffered years of martyrdom. So earnestly did he plead that he obtained the boon he sought, and was included in the exchange, March 4, 1865. Sent to Wilmington, he had a relapse of fever there, and was obliged to remain in the hospital, while his heart was near to breaking with homesickness and the desire to set foot upon northern soil again. Before he was able to sit up, he embarked on a steamer bound for Annapolis, and there was placed in the hospital. The poor fellow was nothing but a skeleton, and it required long and patient nursing to restore him to a tithe of his former strength. One of his nurses was a comrade who had fought beside him on that dread day at Gettysburg—that day when the two years of unimagined horrors of his captivity had commenced. Passing rapidly over the necessarily long period of convalescence, suffice it to say that he received his honorable discharge from the service, July 3, 1865, and celebrated the "glorious Fourth" in true thankfulness of heart, and with the conviction that the peace which had come at last to the nation had been dearly purchased.

Returning to his home in the Empire state, Mr. McCann commenced learning the trade which he has pursued ever since. He was employed in a broom factory at Schenectady for several years, and thoroughly mastered the business, also paying some attention to the raising of broom corn. On the 22d of February, 1882, he came to Champaign county, and for two years devoted his time to the raising of the product mentioned, upon Colonel Arthur's farm. During the winter of 1885–6 he embarked in the manufacturing of brooms at Champaign, taking his brother Edward into partnership with him. They have succeeded in building up a paying business, and, as they

are the only ones engaged in this line in the county, they command a large share of the local trade, shipping to dealers at various points. The methods of the firm are thoroughly satisfactory to the public, and a prosperous future is before the brothers.

Though Mr. McCann desired a home long before he saw fit to establish one, he waited until he felt that his health had become fully restored, and that his business prospects justified him in taking the step. He was married, December 29, 1875, to Miss Elizabeth A. Seeley, of Schenectady. They have three children, Mary Elizabeth, Jessie Seeley and Arthur James. Mrs. McCann is a member of the Presbyterian church.

In his political standing, our subject is independent, though he believes in the policy of the Republican party, on the whole, and usually votes for its nominees. He has a warm place in his large, manly heart for the boys who wore the blue, and is a member of Colonel Nodine Post, G. A. R. Religiously, he adheres to the faith of his boyhood, and is identified with St. Marys church.

TUELL M. BACON, who is a captain in the fire department at Champaign, and is a very popular citizen of that place, is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred near Lodi, Vermilion county, January 25, 1858. His ancestors were early settlers in this state, and did much toward the development of its resources and the establishment of those institutions and forms of government which have been notable factors in its success.

Rev. Elijah Bacon, grandfather of our subject, was one of the first settlers of Chrisman, Edgar county, Illinois. Having bought a tract of government land there he proceeded to improve and cultivate the desirable farm which he made of the property. Indians were numerous and wild game was very abundant when he took up his abode in those prairies, and, needless to say, he and his loved ones suffered many privations. He was a faithful minister of the Methodist denomination, and traveled far and wide in the early days, carrying the messages of the gospel to the hardy pioneers. Having been industrious and diligent in business, he died, leaving a goodly estate, but, better far than that, he left the record of a life well spent.

Henry M. Bacon, father of our subject, was born in Edgar county, in 1826, and there passed his boyhood. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and became a skilled wagonmaker as well. He married Adeline Hartman, of Vermilion county, Illinois, and established a home in that county. When his country was in peril he volunteered his services, and bidding farewell to his wife and two little ones, went forth to battle for the land he loved. He faithfully performed every duty assigned him, and took part in some notable military campaigns, but finally was laid low by typhoid fever, and died in March, 1863, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. His widow bravely took up the double duty which destiny had allotted to her, and reared her children with tender love and regard for their future. That they might have better opportunities, she removed to Champaign in 1867, and continued to dwell here until she was called to her reward, October 10, 1899. She was a member of the First Baptist church, and the influence of her lovely Christian life over the minds of every one who knew her cannot be over-estimated.

When his father went to the front dur-

ing the Civil war, our subject was a small boy, too young to fully realize what it meant. He lived in the little town of Newport, Illinois, until 1867, and was educated in its schools and those of Champaign. When starting out to earn his own livelihood, he became a clerk in a local store, and continued in similar positions until 1886, when, in partnership with his brother G. N., he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, at Oregon, Illinois. They succeeded in building up a large and remunerative business, but in October, 1889, our subject sold his interest to his brother, and, returning to Champaign, soon became associated with Louis Mittendorf, in the same line of business. Their fine rooms on Main street were well equipped with all grades of furniture, suited to the trade, and Mr. Bacon, being a practical undertaker, with a state license to that effect, was kept busy in that department much of the time. In 1895 he sold out to Charles A. Kiler, and for eighteen months manufactured a kitchen cabinet, a patented article. This enterprise not proving sufficiently remunerative, he retired from the business, and in January, 1898, opened a furniture store at No. 15 Walnut street, later disposing of this, also.

In politics Mr. Bacon is a Republican, and for two years was alderman of the third ward, having been elected upon the citizens' ticket, and during that period marked improvements in the lines of sewers and street paving were inaugurated. When the local hose carts of the fire department here were pulled by men, he identified himself with a company and later was chosen as captain. In short, he has loyally aided in many of the movements and enterprises which have materially built up the city and brought prosperity within its borders. Fraternally, he stands high in the Odd Fellows society, being past grand of Lodge No. 333, and past chief patriarch of the encampment, as well as past representative to the grand encampment of the state. He also has been captain of the Uniform Rank of the order and is past sachem in the order of Red Men. At one time he was appointed to act as a trustee of the Odd Fellows property, and in many ways he has had honor and responsibility thrust upon him. Faithfully has he performed every duty, both as a citizen, a brother in the various fraternities with which he has been affiliated, and in the home circle, where, above all, he finds his truest joy.

Fifteen years ago, in this city, Mr. Bacon married Miss Margaret Early, and their union has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Paul, Noah and Eudora. In 1895, Mr. Bacon built a modern and very attractive house at No. 308 South Randolph street, and since that time has made substantial improvements, beautifying the grounds and adding to its desirability.

Z T. GENSEL. This gentleman is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Urbana, and for almost ten years has been identified with the upbuilding and development of the Twin cities. Upon the business activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are now recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of extensive business enterprises. Mr. Gensel is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, March 21, 1857, and he is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Schoch) Gensel, also natives of that county, where they continued to make their home until November 20, 1862, when they removed to Wells county, Indiana, and took up their residence on a farm. The mother died in 1895 at the age of fifty-two years, but the father is still living and makes his home in Urbana. They had six children, namely: Margaret, wife of A. S. Connaught, a farmer of Stanton township, this county; Z. T., our subject; Eveline, wife of John Cobbum, a farmer of Wells county, Indiana; Clara, wife of Theodore Taylor, a farmer of the same county; Ella, wife of W. F. Survey, a cigar manufacturer of Champaign; and Charles F., who married Mattie McFarland, and is engaged in the grocery business at corner Main and Market streets.

Mr. Gensel, of this review, was reared on the home farm and continued his residence in Wells county, Indiana, until 1891, when he came to Urbana, Illinois, and engaged in contracting and building. He also does architectural drawing and planning, and has erected some of the largest buildings in the county, often having as high as seven houses under construction at the same time. As the leading contractor and builder in the Twin cities, he does a most extensive business, and among the many buildings he has erected in the county is the business block for Mr. Busey at Penfield. and the residences of Mrs. M. M. Russell, B. F. Boggs and C. F. Hunt. In 1898 he also embarked in the lumber and coal business. He carries all kinds of building materials and has the exclusive right in the sale of alabaster cement wall plaster in Champaign and Urbana. It is acknowledged to be the best material of the kind ever produced and is a comparatively new article of commerce. During the past season Mr. Gensel sold one hundred and twenty tons of the alabaster, including that used in the construction of the German church built by F. I. Peterson.

In 1881, Mr. Gensel was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Hanes, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Hanes, of Wells county, Indiana. Her father died from disease at Knoxville, Tennessee, while a soldier of the Civil war, but her mother is still living and continues to make her home in Reiffsburg, Wells county, Indiana. Mrs. Gensel has one brother, Abraham Hanes, who married Ella Rose and follows farming in that county. Jennie May, the only child born to our subject and his wife, died in infancy. Mr. Gensel has found in his wife a sympathetic companion, who takes an active interest in his affairs and does all in her power to aid him. In business circles he stands deservedly high, and as a citizen he enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow men to a marked degree.

JAMES FITZGERALD, one of the worthy pioneers of Champaign county, is a native of Ireland, his birth having occurred in county Carey seventy years ago. His father, Thomas Fitzgerald, departed this life at his old home in the Emerald Isle, but the mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Maher, crossed the ocean with her sons, and became a resident of Boston, where she died a few years later.

When he was a young man of twenty, perhaps, James Fitzgerald went to New York and found employment, and subse-

quently worked in Vermont and New Jersey. When the Illinois Central railway was in process of construction, he became associated with the undertaking, and worked with a party of civil engineers on the line from Chicago to Kankakee, until 1854, when he was sent to Champaign to assume charge of the engine house at this point. There were but three houses upon the site of the future town, and no streets had been made, and thus he has witnessed its growth from its very infancy. With F. F. Walker, he justly claims the honor of being the oldest resident of the place, now one of the large and flourishing towns of Illinois. During the fourteen years of his service for the Illinois Central he was stationed at various places, Mattoon and other towns along the line, and had he so desired, he might have continued with the company for many years more. However, he wished to become independent, and, having carefully saved his earnings, he invested a certain amount in eighty acres of land situated in Raymond township. The property, which was unbroken prairie, he soon reduced to cultivation, making desirable improvements, and subsequently he increased the dimensions of his farm to one hundred and sixty acres. By a judicious expenditure of money, in tiling and ditches, he greatly added to the value of the place, and for several years he was successfully engaged in stock raising. He still owns the homestead, and also is in possession of his present place of abode, No. 601 East White street, Champaign.

For a companion and helpmate, Mr. Fitzgerald chose Margaret Kime, of this vicinity. She is a native of Ireland, but spent most of her girlhood in Ohio. Of the nine living children of our subject and wife, Thomas, John, Jerry, Patrick and William live upon the farm and are successfully engaged in agriculture. Mary is the wife of J. Gorman, and Maggie is the wife of John Wiggins. Honora is the youngest of the family, and unmarried.

James Fitzgerald and wife have been identified with St. Mary's Catholic church from its early history, and attended mass when services were held at private houses in his neighborhood. He was present when the first collection was taken towards the house of worship, beneath whose roof thousands of communicants have since assembled, and from that day to the present has been generous in his contributions to the church. He deserves great credit for the success which he has achieved by hard and persevering labor, and every one who knows him has a tribute of praise for him, as a citizen, neighbor and head of a family.

JAMES M. CRAIG. The deserved reward of a well-spent life is an honored retirement from business, in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil. To-day, after a useful and beneficial career, Mr. Craig is quietly living at his elegant home at 601 West Springfield avenue, Champaign, surrounded by the comfort that earnest labor has brought to him.

He was born in Franklin township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1839, a son of John and Eliza (Huston) Craig. The Craig family came to this country from Scotland in 1684, to escape persecution, and located in eastern Pennsylvania. Our subject's great-grandfather, John Craig, and his family were among the first twelve families to cross the mountains and settle in Armstrong county, in 1792. He was cap-



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tain in the militia and superintended the building of the block house there as a place of safety in time of Indian troubles. At that time some of the men were placed on guard while others worked in the fields to prevent an attack from the red men. Mr. Craig was probably a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He was also a surveyor and did a great deal of surveying in western Pennsylvania during those early days when all the salt and flour used by the settlers was packed across the mountains on horses. He located at what is now Freeport, thirty-five miles up the Allegheny river from Pittsburg, but the latter city had not yet sprung into existence. Samuel Craig, our subject's grandfather, was a child when he accompanied his parents on their removal to western Pennsylvania and in the midst of the primitive scenes of frontier life he grew to manhood. He was a farmer by occupation and was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church in that section. He wedded Mary Milligan, a daughter of Samuel Milligan, who located there later. Samuel Craig died in 1865, at the age of eighty-five years, while his father, John Craig, lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years. The father of our subject, who also bore the name of John Craig, was born in Franklin township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1809, and was there reared to farm life. Although he did not aspire to public honors, he was often called to fill different local offices. He owned a fine farm of two hundred acres, upon which he lived until seventy-four years of age, and then removed to Worthington, Pennsylvania, to spend his last days in retirement from active labor, dying there in February, 1894. His wife died in February, 1900, at that place. She was born in Philadelphia, October 10, 1806, and was five years old when her family removed to Armstrong county, her father being Samuel Huston, a farmer and pioneer of that region. Both parents of our subject were faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, and the father served as elder for forty years.

James M. Craig, whose name introduces this sketch, received a good practical education in the common schools of his native county. He remained at home until sixteen years of age, and then went to live with his grandfather, while he rented and successfully operated his farm. On the 7th of February, 1861, he married Miss Margaret A. Blaine, a daughter of William Blaine, and a sister of Mrs. J. G. Clark. They continued to reside upon his grandfather's farm for four years, but in December, 1864, came to Champaign county, Illinois.

The first year spent here, Mr. Craig rented a farm south of Champaign, and then located on the half-section belonging to his brother-in-law, J. G. Clark, operating it on a salary for two years, at the end of which time he purchased sixty acres on section 27, Champaign township. At that time it was entirely unimproved, but he erected a small house thereon, and to its further improvement and cultivation devoted his energies for two years. He then returned to Mr. Clark's farm, and in partnership with that gentleman engaged in raising broom corn for three years. The following year he worked in an elevator in Champaign, and at the end of that time, when Mr. Clark rented the Arthur farm of two sections, he located thereon and operated it as superintendent on a salary for seven years. On resigning his position, he

purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 23, Champaign township, and moved to that place. Subsequently he bought one hundred acres on section 27, which he improved, and later bought forty acres more on the same section, but sold his first purchase of sixty acres which he owned up to this time, and later bought a quarter-section on section 23, adjoining his farm. He has since sold some of his land and traded other tracts, but still owns a half section of land, which is well tilled and under a high state of cultivation. Upon the place are two sets of farm buildings and many modern improvements, including a fine country home and large barn. This desirable farm is pleasantly located only three miles from Champaign, and is now a very valuable place. Mr. Craig also owns a farm in Indiana. For many years he was successfully engaged in mixed farming and raised all kinds of fine stock for practical purposes, but in 1898 he removed to the city, where at that time he owned a good home, but has since erected a beautiful home, which is artistically and elegantly finished and furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig have six children living, namely: William, an attorney of Champaign, who is now serving as state inspector of loan and building associations, Hattie E., wife of Samuel A. Harrison, principal of a school in Chicago; John C., a merchant of Reimersburg, Pennsylvania; Nellie, wife of T. P. Chester, of Champaign township; Roy V., a grocer and hardware merchant of Wingate, Indiana; and Jennie A., at home. The children were all provided with good school privileges. The parents are both members of the Congregational church and are highly respected by all who know them. Politically Mr. Craig is a Republican. He has always taken a deep and commendable interest in educational affairs, served as school director for twelve or fifteen years, and was also township trustee of schools. He is now a director of the Pesotum Mutual Insurance Company, organized by the farmers and chartered under the state law. He is enterprising and progressive and is an earnest supporter of every measure for the public good.

BERNARD HANNAN. The life of this sterling citizen of Champaign should prove an incentive to every ambitious young man who is starting out to fight the battles with poverty and circumstances. Almost anything may be accomplished with sufficient pluck and energy, and to-day the subject of this article is in the possession of a comfortable fortune, as the direct result of years of industry and well directed efforts.

His parents, Andrew and Mary (Glynn) Hannan, resided in the vicinity of Dublin, Ireland, until 1847, when the former came to the United States, and located in Hoosic Falls, New York, where the family joined him within a year. He was a poor man, and worked for from eight to thirteen dollars a month and board, for several years, yet, nevertheless, managed to save a portion of his earnings. About 1850, the family moved to Illinois, by way of the great lakes to Chicago, and thence to Peru, by the Chicago & Michigan canal. The father died at his old home in Peru, in 1882, and the mother survived until 1890. They were pioneer members of the Catholic church at LaSalle, where they attended mass in an old log church for some years. The father was a model citizen, and, unlike

the majority of the hardy frontiersmen, who were obliged to contend against many of the privations of which the present generation know nothing, he never consumed a drop of liquor, no matter how terrible a storm he may have passed through when out upon the bleak prairies.

Bernard Hannan was born near Dublin in 1845, and was a small child when he came to this country. He obtained something of an education in the Peru schools, and for several years after completing his studies he found employment on boats on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, going only as far south as Memphis. In 1870, he came to Champaign county, where he operated his father's farm for a few years, then invested some of his hard-won earnings in a farm of eighty acres. This property was not especially desirable at that time, for the prairie was unbroken, and only the highest parts could be cultivated successfully, as the low lands were covered with water much of the time. With characteristic energy he began making improvements, putting in tiling and wide ditches, erecting a farm-house and other substantial buildings, and planting an orchard and setting out trees. In time he added to his original tract of land, until his homestead comprised two hundred and forty acres, all of which he succeeded in rendering productive, by the proper tiling and cultivation. As an instance of what the pioneer of early days had to contend against, it may be said that sometimes, when the roads were well nigh impassable, he would hitch four horses upon the two hind wheels of his wagon, and try to reach Champaign, sixteen miles distant, in order to obtain necessary provisions, and frequently he was not able to make the round trip in a day. For a number of years he was extensively engaged in the raising of live stock, chiefly hogs, and from this source alone made a good income.

Mr. Hannan continued to dwell upon that farm until 1892, when he removed to Champaign, and, building a beautiful modern residence, at the corner of Springfield and Fifth avenue, proceeded to enjoy the fruits of his former years of toil. He later sold his homestead for twenty thousand dollars, or, what amounted to the same thing, took one hundred and twenty acres of land in the same neighborhood and ten thousand dollars in exchange for his old farm. Lately he invested in a farm of two hundred acres of land in Douglas county, paying sixteen thousand dollars for the property.

The marriage of Mr. Hannan and Olive J. Conner took place at Ivesdale, September 27, 1877. Her home was at Monticello, Illinois. She was a daughter of Abner and Rachel Conner, the former a native of Townelton, Virginia, and the latter of Pickaway county, Ohio. He is now deceased. They came to this state in 1850 and were honored early settlers of Monticello. They were the parents of five children, of whom Edward was a member of the class of 1890 of the University of Illinois. Mary is at home. Andrew died in 1891. Alice died November 28, 1898, and Joseph, born December 31, 1889, is at home. On the 15th of June, 1892, Mr. Hannan married Mrs. Bridget Barry, widow of David Barry, and daughter of John and Kate (Naughton) Graney, of county Galway, Ireland. They lived in Hudson, New York, where Mrs. Hannan was born, and later came to this state, residing in Centralia and other places. Mr. Hannan and family are members of St. Mary's Catholic church, and formerly were identified with the congregation at Ivesdale,

where they were numbered among the early members. They are liberal contributors to religious and benevolent enterprises and are ever ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and unfortunate.

ANDREW J. LINDSTRUM, superintendent of the almshouse of Champaign county, has proven himself to be just the right man for this exceedingly difficult and responsible position. He is strictly honorable and upright in all his dealings with his fellowmen, and possesses wisdom and practical experience far beyond his years. Keen and energetic and far-sighted, he keeps his business affairs well in hand, and is giving general satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Lindstrum is a native of Sweden, his birth having occurred in the city of Stockholm, April 10, 1868. He was bereft of his father, Gustav Lindstrum, when he was an infant of some six months, and the responsibilities of life were much sooner resting upon his youthful shoulders as a result. The father was a young man of great promise, in a commercial way, and had already made an enviable reputation as an iron broker in Stockholm, as he had built up a large and paying trade in that metal, buying and selling it in great quantities. His widow, whose maiden name had been Caroline Indros, subsequently became the wife of Axel Lindstrum, and seven children were born to that union, all surviving. In 1882 the family came to the United States, and since that time the parents and younger children have dwelt in Paxton, Illinois.

According to the custom prevailing in his native land, Andrew J. Lindstrum was set to work at a trade as soon as he left school. It was destined that he should be a ship carpenter, and he commenced the mastery of the calling only to be interrupted by the family immigrating to America when he was fourteen years old. He remained at home in Paxton for about a year, and then, having gained some knowledge of the English language, he started out to make his own way in the world independently. For three years he found employment with farmers, and then, becoming more ambitious and adhering to the usages of his homeland, he again commenced learning a trade, this time that of a plumber. At the expiration of three years spent in that occupation, he returned to Champaign county, and accepted a place on the farm of Robert Morris.

In 1894 Mr. Lindstrum became assistant to Mr. Bengtson, superintendent of the county poor farm, and during the ensuing three years was so thoroughly trustworthy, capable and reliable that it is not strange that his name should have been proposed for the office of superintendent when the question of candidates for the place came before the board of supervisors. Not the least of his qualifications, of course, was his experience and knowledge of the proper way to meet the various practical questions constantly coming to the manager of this institution, and the wisdom of the board's choice has been amply shown. Four years have passed away, and every department of the almshouse work is progressing favorably. The farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty acres of fine, fertile land, is situated about one mile east of the court-house. Both hay and grain, as well as other crops, are raised in large quantities, and at the present time there are fifteen head of cattle, five horses and about one

hundred hogs upon the place. The main building, which does credit to the county, is one hundred and fifty feet in dimensions, while the annex, devoted to the use of the feeble-minded inmates, is an "L" shaped structure, each side of the "L" being sixty-eight by thirty-eight feet in size. The average number of inmates of the infirmary is sixty, a large proportion of them being feeble-minded or demented.

In the manifold and perplexing duties which devolve upon Mr. Lindstrum, he is greatly aided by his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Christina Bengtson. She is a niece of the late superintendent of the almshouse, and her marriage to our subject took place April 15, 1894, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. F. Mills, of the First Baptist church of Urbana. Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrum are members of the Lutheran denomination.

Fraternally, our subject is a member of Urbana Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M., and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically, he is a stanch believer in the platform and principles of the Republican party, and loyally upholds the laws and government of the land of his adoption.

JAMES MUNHALL, a retired business man and sterling pioneer of Urbana, is well entitled to representation in the annals of Champaign county. Born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1825, he is a son of James and Catherine (Solanders) Munhall, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Germany. In 1831 the worthy couple removed to Holmes county, Ohio, where the father bought a tract of government land, and continued to dwell until his death, when in his eighty-second year. Both were members of the Presbyterian church, though for over thirty years the father was a class-leader and member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The wife and mother, who was an exemplary Christian woman, was about ninety years of age at the time of her demise. One of the great and almost insupportable sorrows of their lives was the loss of their two youngest sons, Henry and Francis, who died at the same time with typhoid fever, of which they became victims in Illinois, whither they had come with a view to making a home here. The eldest of the family, Mary Ann, widow of John Boyd, resides near Keene, Ohio, now in her eighty-fourth year. John, who married Maria Eberly, and was a leading member of the Methodist church, died November 10, 1899, aged eighty-one years. Mrs. Elizabeth Liggett, widow of D. Q. Liggett, of Wooster, Ohio, is a member of the Methodist church. Sarah, wife of Charles Yocum, lives in Warrenton, Missouri.

Until he was eighteen years of age, James Munhall gave his services to his father in the general management of the home farm, but as agriculture was not to his taste, he then turned his attention to cabinet-making, serving a three years' apprenticeship to the trade. In the fall of 1850 he came to Urbana, where he found steady employment as a carpenter. Later he became interested in the painting business and for many years gave his time to that line of work, though he was employed to a limited extent as a paper hanger. By industry and diligence in business he made a competency, and by his sterling integrity he won the confidence and respect of everyone. At one time he served as a justice of the peace for four years, then resigning the

position. While acting as magistrate he performed the marriage ceremony of Gen. John C. Black, at the residence of Colonel Busey. In politics he has always been a stalwart Republican, and, in company with his wife, he belongs to the Order of Good Templars.

The marriage of Mr. Munhall and Nancy M. Webber took place in November, 1851. She is a daughter of William T. and Nancy Webber, natives of Shelby county, Kentucky, and Virginia, respectively. Mr. Webber was a farmer in the Blue Grass state, and during the war of 1812 sent a substitute to the army. In 1833 he came to Champaign county, and the day after his arrival here there was a sale of town lots in the hazel-patch on which Urbana later was built. He located on the property where his son, George G. Webber, now lives, and there death claimed him when he was in his prime, fifty-three years of age. His wife lived to reach her seventy-fourth year, and of their thirteen children only three survive, namely: William H., George G. and Mrs. Munhall. Those deceased are: Thompson, Jesse R., Augustin M., John W., Eliza Ann, Frances, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary J. and James. The parents were devout members of the Baptist church.

Ten children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Munhall, namely: Sarah C., wife of Robert McKee; Mary Helen, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Adelaide, Mrs. John Evans; Ella Josephine, wife of Daniel Barr, a druggist of Braidwood, Illinois; Howard, of Oklahoma territory: Florence, wife of G. E. Broderick, of Decatur, Illinois; Henry, a farmer of Jasper county, Iowa; Edith, who died when four years of age; and Bertha May, wife of Edward Craiger, of Urbana.

CHARLES A. HAINES. The subject of this narrative, one of the most successful and progressive agriculturists of Champaign county, has made his special field of industry an eminent success, and is now the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred acres in Compromise township, and another of one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Champaign township, both well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He now resides upon the latter, which is pleasantly located on section 13, near the city of Champaign, and is devoting his time and attention principally to the dairy business.

Mr. Haines was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1835, and is a son of Charles W. and Hannah A. (Bolt) Haines, also natives of that city. The father was a well-educated man and for a number of years was a teacher in the schools there and also a bookkeeper. In 1857 he emigrated to Peoria, Illinois, where he was employed in the census office in 1860, and in 1871 came to Champaign, where his death occurred the following year. Of his nine children only two survive, namely: Charles A., our subject; and James B., a painter living in Chicago, and a veteran of the Civil war, serving for eight months as one of the boys in blue during that conflict. Another son, Theodore, was also in the service and died in Andersonville prison.

Our subject is indebted to the common schools of Philadelphia for his educational advantages, and in that city he learned the art of manufacturing Britannia metal ware, serving an apprenticeship of five years and a half. At the age of twenty-two years he came to Stark county, Illinois, and from there went to Peoria, where he remained three years as an employe in a general mer-

cantile store. Subsequently he spent a short time in Fulton county, this state.

In 1863, Mr. Haines was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Taylor, who was born in Peoria county, Illinois, in 1840. Her parents moved from Saratoga Springs, New York, to Peoria county, Illinois, in 1836, where they passed away, he in 1854, she in 1885. Mrs. Haines has three brothers and one sister living, the former in Peoria county, Illinois, the latter in Iowa. Seven children have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: John B., who is now married and living on his father's farm in Compromise township; Charles A., Jr., who is a clerk in a hardware store in Detroit, Michigan; Frank B., who assists his father on the farm; Carrie A., at home; Fred A., who is a clerk with his brother in the hardware store in Detroit; and Isaac and Mary, both at home.

In 1871 Mr. Haines removed with his family to this county and purchased a farm in Compromise township. He also opened a general store and served as postmaster at Compromise for sixteen years, being first appointed by President Grant. He operated that farm quite successfully for many years, and after making many improvements upon the place, he added to it from time to time as his financial resources permitted until he now has a valuable farm of four hundred acres. Renting it in 1892, he purchased one hundred and fifty-seven acres of land on section 13, Champaign township, and at once located thereon. Here he is now successfully engaged in the dairy business, keeping for that purpose only the best grade of cattle. His business is steadily increasing, and to meet the demands of his trade he now has a herd of forty milch cows and keeps two wagons delivering the milk through the city. He is thoroughly up to date and has all modern improvements needed in his business. He is now erecting an extensive milk house, and is putting in the latest improved separator and engine.

Politically Mr. Haines is an ardent Republican, and though he takes no active part in public affairs as a politician, he does all in his power to promote the welfare of his party and insure its success. He has never cared for official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He is a genial, jovial gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet, and his circle of friends seems only limited by his circle of acquaintances, for he has the confidence and high regard of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

OLIVER B. DOBBINS, LL. B., a prominent young attorney of Urbana, Illinois, was born in Gallatin, Sumner county, Tennessee, December 6, 1870, a son of Foster and Margaret (Beard) Dobbins, also natives of that place, where they continued to make their home until coming to this county in 1871. The father engaged in farming in East Bend township for some years, but is now living a retired life in Urbana. The mother died October 24, 1884. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which the father also belongs, although his family, until recently, have been strong Cumberland Presbyterians. The Dobbins' were originally from Scotland and later made their home in the north of Ireland, becoming what is known as Scotch-Irish. James Dobbins, the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Sumner county,

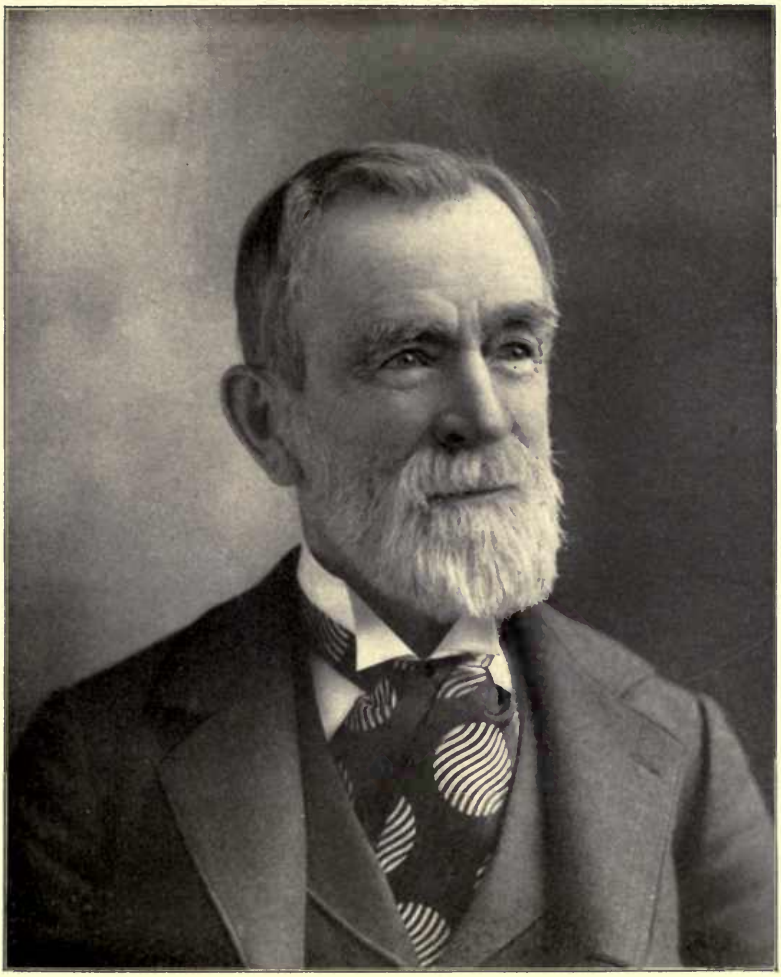
Tennessee, and as a soldier of the Revolutionary war he participated in the battle of Kings Mountains under Sumner. The grandfather, Henry Dobbins, was born in North Carolina, but during boyhood was taken by his parents to Tennessee. He later owned a plantation in Sumner county and successfully engaged in milling and farming. His wife bore the maiden name of Hannah McMurray, and also belonged to an old Southern family. Our subject's maternal grandfather was Richard Beard, a farmer of Sumner county, who was from North Carolina. He married Sarah Wallace, a daughter of Joseph Wallace, also of Scotch descent, who removed to Tennessee at a very early day and was there killed by the Indians.

It was during the infancy of our subject that he was brought to Illinois, and after four years spent in the western part of the state the family removed to East Bend township, Champaign county, in 1876. There he attended the country schools for some time and later became a student at the Normal School in Normal, Illinois. Subsequently he successfully engaged in teaching in this and Ford counties for four years, during which time he began reading law with Judge M. H. Cloud, of Paxton, and then pursued a two years' course in the law department of the Illinois Wesleyan University, where he was granted the degree of LL. B. in 1894. Coming to Urbana, he formed a partnership with Spencer M. White, and together they have since engaged in general practice, meeting with excellent success from the start. They have had an interest in probably as high as fifty cases in each term of court for the last few years, and to-day rank among the most able lawyers of the city.

On the 15th of December, 1897, Mr. Dobbins was united in marriage with Miss Edith Leonard, of Gibson City, Illinois, who for three years prior to her marriage was a teacher in the schools of Wellington, Kansas, where her father now lives. Socially Mr. Dobbins is a Master Mason and a member of Urbana Lodge, I. O. O. F., while politically he is an ardent Democrat, and has served as a member of the Democratic central committee. In 1896 he was the candidate of his party for state's attorney. He possesses a good law library, is thoroughly in love with his profession, and is eminently gifted with the capabilities of mind which are indispensable at the bar. The place he has won in his profession is accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability, and the place he occupies in the social world is a tribute to his genuine worth.

JOEL V. WEBSTER has demonstrated the true meaning of the word success as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management, these are the elements which have entered into his business career and crowned his efforts with prosperity. He is a gentleman of much more than ordinary information and attainments, is progressive and enterprising, and has done much to advance the general welfare and prosperity of his adopted county. He still owns a valuable farm here but is now living a retired life in the city of Champaign.

Mr. Webster was born in Eden township, Erie county, New York, November 8, 1831, a son of William S. and Katherine (Bunning) Webster, both faithful members of the



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Society of Friends and highly respected by all who knew them. The father was born in New Jersey, and during boyhood removed with his father to the wilderness of Western New York, where the latter improved a good sized farm, spending the remainder of his life there. The father of our subject died in 1863, the mother in 1839.

Joel V. Webster was reared in his native township and began his education in its common schools. Subsequently he attended the Eden Academy, and successfully engaged in teaching school in that section for several terms. He commenced the study of medicine in Boston, an adjoining township, and attended lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating from the Physo-Medical College in 1852. Locating at White's Corners, now Hamburg, New York, he successfully engaged in practice for three years, but on account of failing health and a hard country ride, he had to abandon his profession, and spent some time in traveling in the west. On his return to New York, he followed farming with good success for eight years, when his health again began to fail and he concluded a change of location would prove beneficial.

After traveling several months, and viewing many places, their advantages and disadvantages, Mr. Webster finally purchased land in Champaign county, and moved there in 1869, locating in Crittenden township, where he improved a tract of wild prairie land, making it his home until 1894. From his experience in eastern farming he knew the advantages to be derived from tile draining. The first few years spent here were dry and he did not need tiles, but later came wet seasons, and he saw that something must be done. At that time there was probably not a thousand rods of tiling laid in the county, but he believed that without draining much of the land would be useless. He bought his first tile in Joilet, but could not find a man who knew enough to dig a ditch and lay it. Finally a company from Indiana started a tile factory here, and believing that they must know something about the business, he engaged tile of them, but business was soon suspended. He finally secured a man from the factory to help him tile his farm and that spring laid thirteen hundred rods of tiling, which he shipped in from Springfield, Danville, Decatur and Joilet. The following fall he laid one thousand rods more, and now has about sixteen miles of tiling upon his place, not an acre of the land but what will produce a good crop of wheat or any other product. He has invested a large sum of money in this way and has also paid out one thousand dollars for large ditches and outlets. It is one of the best drained farms in the county, and being well improved in other respects, it is to-day a most valuable and desirable place, comprising four hundred and eighty acres, divided into forty-acre or small lots, by hedge fences principally. There are two deep wells upon the place, both operated by windmills, one near the house and the other in the center of the farm.

In 1894 Mr. Webster retired from active labor and removed to Champaign, where he is now living retired. He has since spent considerable time in travel. For a quarter of a century his sister, Eliza B., acted as his housekeeper, but she died in 1893. He was one of a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom the following are still living: Ira R., a resident of Hamburg, New York; Edwin, of Eden, New York; Joel V., our subject; and Mrs. Paulina Belknap, of Eden, New York.

In politics Mr. Webster is a Democrat, and has been a member of the township committee. He was also supervisor of his township for four years, has championed every movement designed to promote the general welfare, has supported every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of his county's interest. As an intelligent, well educated and progressive man, he exerted a refining influence over the community in this new country on locating here, and he is justly numbered among its most valued and useful citizens.

GEORGE G. WEBBER is a sterling member of a family which has been represented in Champaign county since the early days of its history. Nearly all of his life has been spent here, as he was but three years old when his parents removed to this section with their several children, in 1833, and, as is generally known, he has been identified with the development of Urbana township ever since his youth.

His grandfather, Rev. Philip Webber, was a native of Virginia, whence he removed to Kentucky with his family at an early day. There he was active as a pioneer preacher of the Baptist church until he was summoned to his reward. Of his six children, our subject's father, William T., was born in Fluvanna county, Virginia, August 11, 1785. He married Nancy Basket, of the same county, October 30, 1806, and thirteen children were born to them. Only three of the number survive, George G., Mrs. Munhall, of Urbana, and W. H., who is in his seventy-eighth year, and, with the exception of twelve years spent in Colorada and Wyoming, has dwelt in this locality since his boyhood.

In 1832 William T. Webber came to Champaign county and bought six hundred and forty acres of school and government land, situated in what now is known as Urbana township. Returning to his Kentucky home, he sold out, and returned to his new purchase with his family and household effects in 1833, arriving here the day before the first sale of village lots in the newly-platted town of Urbana. A portion of this property, indeed, was donated by Mr. Webber, and the lots were sold at prices ranging from five to ten dollars. He had made a few improvements upon his homestead when death put an end to his labors, September 9, 1838. He had served as a justice of the peace, assessor and in other local offices, was appointed by the state Legislature to assess damages to property through which the canal passed, and during the war of 1812 provided a substitute, because he could not leave his little family unprotected and uncared for. He had considerable knowledge of medicine and often acted in the capacity of a physician in the pioneer days. He held the office of deacon in the Baptist church for many years, and his wife, who lived to be seventy-one years old, was also a faithful member of that denomination.

George G. Webber was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, September 3, 1830. He has followed agriculture as a means of livelihood, and still owns a part of the old homestead which belonged to his father—about one hundred acres, located within the corporate limits of Urbana. A street in the town is named in honor of the family, and he owns several pieces of residence and vacant property here. He has occupied various local offices, such as that of

school director and assessor, and in political affairs is a believer in the platform of the Democratic party. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order. The intolerance and bigotry of denominationalism led him to extreme liberality in his views on religion, and, while he does not altogether uphold the radical ideas of the late Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, he finds much to admire in them. He possesses an excellent education, and in his early manhood was engaged in teaching for some time. By well-directed energy he has greatly increased the value of his homestead, and is accounted as one of the substantial business men of this locality.

The marriage of Mr. Webber and Martha McFarland took place June 4, 1852. She is a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Corey) McFarland, natives of Scotland and Rhode Island, respectively. The father died in 1879, aged sixty-five years, and the mother, who died in 1867, was about sixty years old. They removed to Illinois at an early day, arriving here December 1, 1838, and thenceforth they were interested in the development of the resources of this region. They were the parents of seven children, one of whom is deceased. Daniel is a resident of Bloomington, Illinois; Thomas lives in Atlanta, this state; Robert is an Urbana citizen; Sarah, widow of Philip Crihfield, lives in Minier, Illinois, and Cyrus makes his home in Nebraska. The parents were members of the Congregational church.

The seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Webber comprise the following named: Flora M. and Laura B., who are at home; Fannie R., wife of James Thorp, of this city, and mother of one son, Charles; Frank B., who wedded Maggie McConnell, and has three children, Frank, Anna and Sadie; Harry E., who married Nellie Boysell and has two children, Fay and Martha; Anna May, who died at the age of twelve years, and Fred T., whose home is at Danville, Illinois. He chose Emma Turnell as a wife and their children are Margaret, Harry and Frank. Frank B. and Harry E. Webber are well-known citizens of Urbana.

BENJAMIN PENN PRATHER, deceased, for many years a prominent and successful farmer of Somer township, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Shiloh, Clermont county, Ohio, March 28, 1821, and was a son of James and Sophia (Penn) Prather, natives of Maryland and early settlers of the Buckeye state.

At the early age of fifteen years our subject was intrusted with a ferry boat running between Cincinnati and Newport, Kentucky, and from that time on was connected with river navigation for many years, enjoying the life of a boatman. For twenty years he was head engineer on boats plying on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and during all this time never met with an accident. While engineer on the Daniel Boone, running between Cincinnati, Ohio, and Maysville, Kentucky, he made the fastest time on record up to 1890, if not the fastest ever made.

In the meantime Mr. Prather was married, September 15, 1846, at Felicity, Ohio, to Miss Caroline M. Stevens, a daughter of Silsby and Mary A. (Graham) Stevens, natives of Vermont. She is now the only one living of their seven children, the others being Abigail W., Mary Ann, Sarah J., Lydia Ann, Aaron L. and James A. By a

former marriage with Abigail Weatherby, of Massachusetts, the father had three sons, John, Thomas and Ithiel, all deceased. Silsby Stevens was born January 5, 1781, and died about 1858. Mrs. Prather's paternal grandfather, Simon Stevens, was born in Canterbury, Connecticuit, December 5, 1736, and was married in 1780, to Lydia, daughter of Henry and Bethiah Silsby. She was born in Connecticut, September 7, 1847, and died in Springfield, Vermont, February 20, 1781. Simon Stevens was a soldier of the French and Indian war, and in 1758 was taken prisoner by the Indians on Lake George and carried to Oswego and Onondaga, New York, where he was held a prisoner for over a year. After enduring untold hardships he finally made his escape. Later he settled in the town of Springfield, Vermont. In 1762 he was made captain in the militia; in 1766 he was commissioned brigade major in the Revolutionary war, and later was made lieutenant-colonel by the Governor of Vermont. He was a member of the Provincial Congress, and was the first justice of the peace in Springfield, Vermont, which office he filled for more than half a century. Several years he represented his town in the General Assembly of the state, and was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the community. Early in life he professed the religion of Christ, and after an honorable and upright life passed away February 18, 1817.

To Mr. and Mrs. Prather were born six children, of whom William T., Jessie M. and Mrs. Jennie P. Tate are all now deceased. The living are as follows: (1) Homer, a resident of Somer, was married in December, 1877, to Jessie Merriott, who died in May, 1883, leaving two children: Paul, who is now engaged in farming, and Maude, who is attending the high school of Urbana. (2) Scott, a resident of Chicago, was married, in November, 1881, to Etta Haley, and they have two children, Nettie and Graham, who are attending school in that city. (3) Spees N. resides in Urbana, but still carries on the old homestead in Somers township, this county. He was married, September 24, 1884, to Mary E. Nye, and they have three children: Arius B., Darlie J. and Carlisle N.

After his marriage, Mr. Prather, of this review, made his home in Shiloh, Ohio, until June, 1856, when he came to Champaign, Illinois, and for three years engaged in the grain business there with his brother-in-law, Mark Carley. In September, 1858, however, he removed to the farm which he had purchased in Somer township, and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. On locating there the country to the north and east of him was an unbroken prairie as far as the eye could reach. Wild flowers of all kinds bloomed in profusion, and the frequent prairie fires lighted up the region round about, enabling them to read at night while quite a distance from the burning district. The howl of the prairie wolf often disturbed the slumbers of the family, and animals would often carry off the young lambs when not shut safely in the fold. Mr. Prather made many improvements upon his farm, and so successful was he in its operation that he was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances.

Politically he was a stanch Republican, and always an advocate of the cause of right and justice. He was a sincere Christian and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and contributed freely to the support

of all church work. He was instrumental in building the Carey Chapel, which stands near his old home, and was ever one of its active workers. He served as supervisor from Somer township in 1869, 1870 and 1871, and was a very useful and active member of the board. He died February 23, 1885, honored and respected by all who knew him. His death was widely and deeply mourned, and his memory will long be revered by his large circle of friends, as well as his immediate family.

ALBERT G. CARLE, deceased, was numbered among the honored pioneers of Champaign county, who located in this locality when it was wild and unimproved. In the work of development he took an active part in the early days and aided in opening up the country to civilization. As the years passed he faithfully performed his duties of citizenship and his interest in the welfare and progress of the county never abated. Becoming widely and favorably known he made many friends, and his death was a loss to the entire community.

Mr. Carle was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1822, and died at his home in Urbana township, Champaign county, Illinois, March 7, 1881. He was fifteen years of age when, with his parents, William and Sarah (Dalaney) Carle, he removed from his native county to Franklin county, Ohio, where he aided in the arduous task of converting a timbered tract into a cultivated farm. By splitting rails he earned enough money to buy a fine horse, which he sold to a Mr. Townsend, and with the proceeds came to Illinois in 1844. He purchased a farm just south of Urbana, for which he paid two dollars and a half per acre. He afterward entered an adjoining eighty-acre tract, which he later sold to the Illinois University, and which now forms a part of the experimental farm of that institution. He was actively interested in all movements for the improvement and upbuilding of the county, especially in the founding of the university.

In connection with general farming Mr. Carle was always quite extensively engaged in the stock business, shipping principally to eastern markets, including Cincinnati, Philadelphia and New York. He was one of the very first in the county to become interested in the raising of improved and thoroughbred horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and was largely engaged in breeding short horn cattle and Berkshire hogs. It was as a farmer and stock raiser that he was best known, and for many years he was one of the leading and most successful men in those lines in the county. He kept the best stock to be had, and was always a central figure at the county fairs, being one of the few men whose money and labor supported and kept up that enterprise. He was instrumental and active in the organization of the first county fair and was president of the fair association for several years, as well as one of its stockholders. Probably no man was more instrumental or did more to advance and develop the live stock and agricultural interests of Champaign county than he, and he was a successful competitor for premiums at the annual exhibits. He was part owner of the noted Defender, a remarkable prize winner, which at the state fair won a three-hundred-and-fifty-dollar coffee urn. Prior to his death he had some seven hundred dollars worth of silver prizes won as prem-

iums. He raised many fine horses and was an expert horseman. While on a business trip to Douglas county, in 1882 or 1883, he bought a horse, a splendid animal, though wild; it was an iron gray named Dave, which is still remembered by the old settlers of the county as a famous deer hunter. During the time of his ownership Mr. Carle caught with him as many as sixty deer. This horse lived to a good old age, but was never too old to scale a high fence or gate. Mr. Carle was a great hunter and an excellent marksman.

Politically he was a stanch Republican, and was an ardent admirer and intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, spending many an enjoyable hour in listening to the interesting stories told by the martyred president. He took an active interest in political affairs but was never an office seeker, though he served as township assessor for many years. He was not a member of any church, but was a liberal supporter of church work. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was a whole-souled man, always interested in the promotion and improvement of the county. Of a hospitable and social disposition, he made many friends, and no one enjoyed entertaining a houseful of guests better than he. He was always judge on the election board, and by his genial nature and spritely wit kept the members of that body in the best of humor while performing their arduous duties. Wherever known he was held in high regard, and his friends were many throughout the county and state.

On the 26th of July, 1849, Mr. Carle was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Burt, who was to him a true helpmeet and worthy companion. Their only child, William Wheeler, named for an old friend in Ohio and another in Douglas county, this state, was born September 22, 1850, and died September 20, 1851.

Mr. Carle was born in Orange county, New York, February 10, 1830, a daughter of John and Elmira (Burt) Burt, who though of the same name and both natives of Orange county, were not related prior to their marriage. The progenitor of the Burt family in America was David Burt, who was born and reared in England. The exact date of his emigration is not known, but he was a resident of Roxbury, Massachusetts, as early as 1638, as indicated by the town records. In 1640 he moved to a new settlement called Agawam, the name of which was afterward changed to Springfield. Here David Burt's name appears on the town records December 24, 1660, with permission to "cup out a canoe tree." From the frequency of his name in the town records he seems to have been a man of importance in the community, filling the position of committeeman, lay preacher and other offices. There is a tradition that his wife Ulalia was laid out for dead in England and was put in the coffin, but revived and recovered. She became the mother of nineteen children, whose descendants are now numerous in the United States, and the family has contained many eminent and illustrious persons. In the records of Springfield, Massachusetts, it is recorded that Henry Burt died April 40, 1662, and his wife August 19, 1690. In the fall of 1890 the wife of our subject attended a re-union of the Burt family in that city, and was present at a banquet in which two hundred representatives of the family participated.

In 1838 Mrs. Carle accompanied her parents on their removal to Coshocton county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and was married, her education being obtained

in the common schools of the county. She was the oldest of a family of fourteen children, the others being Henry, Jane, Ann, Daniel, Benjamin, George, Mary E., John, Bradley, William W., Hamilton M., Abbie and Albert A. Those living are Jane, wife of Jefferson Smith, of Wichita, Kansas; John and Hamilton, both residents of Coshocton, Ohio; William W., of Topeka, Kansas, and Albert A., of Urbana. The mother of this family was born May 25, 1812, and died October 7, 1855, and the father was born September 23, 1806, and died February 2, 1890. They were married May 7, 1829. The mother died at the birth of the youngest son, who was reared by Mrs. Carle, remaining with her until reaching manhood, when he returned to Ohio, but after the death of Mr. Carle he came to Champaign county to assist her in the management of her affairs, and for the past two years he and his daughter Linnie have made their home with her. Her father was again married February 25, 1862, his second union being with Elizabeth Dunn. He traced his descent from Henry Burt, the founder of the family in America, through the following: David, Benjamin, Daniel, Daniel and Daniel. His first wife was a daughter of Benjamin Burt, and a granddaughter of James Burt. Mrs. Carle has in her possession a heavy glass decanter formerly owned by John Bunyan, author of Pilgrim's Progress. It was purchased by her father from a Mr. Maynard, an Englishman, who had a large number of relics which were sold after his death.

On the 25th of October, 1885, Mrs. Carle married James H. Morris, a retired farmer, who was born in Rush county, Indiana, December 17, 1833, a son of John and Mary (Miller) Morris, both natives of Scott county, Kentucky, where three of their children were born prior to their emigration to Indiana. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in 1798, and died in 1883, and his mother was born in 1804 and died in 1866. Mr. Morris was reared and educated in his native county, and in starting out in life for himself operated rented land, but later purchased eighty acres on which he made his home for some years. On selling his property in 1862 he moved to Edgar county, Illinois, where he purchased three hundred and twenty-eight acres of prairie land, which he owned and operated two years, and then came to Champaign county, where he bought one hundred acres for fifty dollars per acre. He added to the place until he had three hundred and twenty acres, and continued to reside thereon until his marriage with Mrs. Carle. He was first married October 16, 1855, to Miss Mary Bebout, a daughter of John and Jane (Steele) Bebout, all natives of Fleming county, Kentucky. She died October 10, 1884, leaving seven children who are still living, namely: Albert, a farmer of Rush county, Indiana; Robinson B., a real estate dealer of Los Angeles, California; Lillie J., widow of Thomas Dugan, of Urbana; Ida, a bookkeeper in Robeson's store, Champaign; Minnie, a teacher in the public schools of Champaign; John, who is engaged in the laundry business in Los Angeles, California; and Thomas, who is engaged in the same business in Milwaukee. Mr. Morris is a supporter of the Democratic party, and has served on the school board. He is an active member of the Christian church, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. She can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer days when

this region was wild and unimproved, and when wild game could be found in abundance. In 1851 she boarded Mr. Ashley and his family, who was chief engineer surveying for the Illinois Central Railroad. She is a most estimable lady, loved and respected by all who know her.

GERD EHLER, one of the worthy representative German residents of Hensley township, owning four hundred acres of well tiled and highly cultivated land on section 34, was born in Aurich, Hanover Province, Germany, November 25, 1853, and is the eldest son and second child of W. W. and Gebbe (Cruse) Ehler, both of whom were born and reared in that province, as were their parents before them for several generations, and all were worthy citizens and loyal to their country. By trade the father of our subject was a ship builder and contractor, and continued to follow that occupation in his native land until 1869, when he emigrated to the United States with his family. Coming direct to Champaign county, Illinois, on landing in this country, he purchased fifty acres of land in Rantoul township, and later, as he succeeded, he kept adding to his possessions from time to time, improving the land and selling it again. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1889, he had eighty acres—the old homestead—where his widow now resides. He was well known and was held in high esteem by all his neighbors and many friends. His children were Folke, wife of D. Meyer, a well-to-do farmer and stock raiser of Rantoul; Gerd, our subject; W. W., Jr., a farmer of Hensley township; Anne, wife of John Flessner, a farmer of Rantoul township; and John, also a resident of that township.

In the common schools of the fatherland Gerd Ehler acquired a good, practical education, attending regularly, as required by law, until fifteen years of age, when with the family he emigrated to America. He made his home with his parents until twenty-five years of age, superintending the farm work for his father, and then left the parental roof and began farming on eighty acres of land which he had purchased on time. Succeeding in this undertaking, he soon paid for his land and kept adding to it from time to time different tracts and improving them. He carried on general farming quite successfully for a number of years in Stanton township, but in 1893 he disposed of his property there and purchased his present valuable farm of four hundred acres on section 34, Hensley township, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. In 1898 he erected a modern residence of latest architectural design, that would grace any city, being a large twelve-room house, finished on the inside with polished oak, and fitted with modern conveniences for sanitation and heating. He has spared no expense in making it complete in every detail, it costing him about five thousand dollars, and is considered one of the best homes in Hensley township, being one in which the family may well take a just pride. Mr. Ehler carries on general farming, finding a ready market for all his produce, both stock, hay and grain. In 1885, in partnership with his brother, he began taking contracts for building bridges throughout the county and also in adjoining ones, and that business they followed continuously for twelve years, putting up extensive iron bridges in



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many places, and acquiring a wide reputation as reliable business men in that line. During these years Mr. Ehler was still interested in farming, and since 1896 has devoted his time and attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits.

On the 21st of January, 1883, Mr. Ehler was united in marriage with Miss Nancy A. Easter, who was born in Rantoul township in 1862. Her parents, Theodore and Margaret E. (Culbertson) Easter, natives of Ohio, who resided in Champaign county, Illinois, for a number of years, are now living in Mississippi, where the father is still successfully engaged in farming. They have eight children living: Alice, wife of W. W. Ehler, Jr., brother of our subject; Nancy A., wife of our subject; Della F., wife of Albert Maker, a minister, who now has a charge in Oklahoma; Etta, wife of William Collins, of Hensley township, this county; Eunice, wife of George Cook, of Stanton township; Nora, wife of B. Dalton, of Mississippi; Cora and Henry O., both at home with their parents; and Theodore, a successful physician and land owner of Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Ehler have a family of seven children: Elmer, Harry, Otto, Rosa, Bernice, Gerd, Jr., and Nora, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Ehler is a Republican. He has served as a school director in his district, and while a resident of Stanton township filled the office of pathmaster two years. Fraternally he is a member of the Court of Honor and the Home Forum, both of Champaign, and religiously, is a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and he gives liberally to the support of the Methodist Episcopal church. By untiring industry and sound business judgment he has won a merited success in all his undertakings, and is in all respects worthy of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

JOHN A. McCLURG. Success is determined by one's ability to recognize opportunity, and to pursue this with a resolute and unflagging energy. It results from continued labor, and the man who thus accomplishes his purpose usually becomes an important factor in the business circles of the community with which he is connected. Through such means Mr. McClurg has arisen to a position of prominence, and to-day holds the responsible position of master mechanic of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad and of the Peoria & Eastern Railroad at Urbana.

He was born in Lancaster, Illinois, March 7, 1856, a son of Lewis and Ann (Merrifield) McClurg. The father was born in Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, and continued to make his home there until reaching manhood, when he came to Lancaster. Here he married and engaged in the sawmill business until the Civil war broke out. In 1861 he entered the army and was killed in battle. His children were Nellie, now the wife of H. W. Sands, of Urbana; John A., our subject; and William R., who is with the Big Four Railroad in Urbana. After the father's death the mother moved to Pekin, where she made her home for ten years, and while there married S. Goodrich. She is now a resident of Urbana.

During his boyhood our subject attended the schools of Pekin for a time, but at the age of thirteen he left there and went to Chicago, where he found employment in a confectionery store and also attended night

school for a year. At the end of that time he went to Bloomington, where for eighteen months he was a student in the University preparatory school. In 1872 he came to Urbana and entered the railroad machine shop as a machinist apprentice. After working at his trade for ten years, he removed to Sedalia, Missouri, with the Missouri Pacific shop and took a position as gang foreman, which he held for fourteen months. On his return to Urbana, at the end of that time, he accepted the position of general foreman in the shops, and after serving in that capacity for ten years was appointed master mechanic in February, 1891. This gives him the charge of the shops where about four hundred men are employed building new locomotives and cars and also doing repairing. He also has charge of the shops at Indianapolis and oversight of all the men along the line connected with the locomotive and car work. The shop at Urbana is one of the largest railroad shops in the country, and through his own unaided efforts Mr. McClurg has worked his way upward to his present responsible position. His practical knowledge of all the details of the business, as well as his acquaintance with men, renders him a most valuable employe, as is evinced by his retention in so important a position with one of the leading railroad companies of the Union.

In 1877 Mr. McClurg was united in marriage with Miss Cora A. Sim, of Urbana, who died in February, 1886, leaving four children, namely: George E., who now has charge of the engine room and electric plant belonging to the railroad company; and Walter S., John A. and Cora, who are all attending school. Mr. McClurg was again married, December 15, 1890, his second union being with Miss Ida B. Goucher, of Urbana. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which our subject is a liberal contributor. He owns a beautiful home on West Main street and also other city property, which has been acquired by industry, perseverance and good management, for he started out in life for himself empty-handed. Politically he is a stanch Republican.

WILLIAM E. STITT, a well-known engineer on the Big Four Railroad, and highly esteemed citizen of Urbana, residing at No. 404 Urbana avenue, was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, May 23, 1864, and is a son of William G. and Mary (Earl) Stitt, also natives of Ohio. The father enlisted in the one-hundred-day service during the Civil war, and took part in some battles, but did garrison duty most of the time. While returning home he contracted pneumonia and died before reaching there, at the age of thirty-eight years. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. He had one brother, Bedine, a railroad conductor, who was living in Logansport, Indiana, when last heard from.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Stitt lived with her father, Mr. Earl, in Ohio, until he, too, was called to his final rest in 1873. He was a native of New Jersey and a farmer by occupation. In 1875 Mrs. Stitt came to Champaign county, Illinois, and located on a farm near Seymour in Scott township, which she successfully managed for some time, but finally sold the place and removed to Champaign, her home being at No. 510 Randolph street. Since her husband's death she has drawn a pension from the government. She is a most esti-

mable lady and a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

Our subject is the youngest in a family of three children. Hugh C., the eldest, has for over six years been an engineer on the Illinois Central and Big Four Railroads, and is still with the latter corporation. He married Inez Lonian, and they have five children, Pearl, Howard, Allie, Hugh and Earl. The family reside at the corner of Coler and Goodwin avenue, Urbana, and the wife and mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Woody, another brother of our subject, died in 1862, at the age of five years.

William E. Stitt was reared on his mother's farm and early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, while his literary education was obtained in the public schools of the county. At the age of twenty-one he began his business career as a farmer, and followed that pursuit with fair success for seven years. In 1890 he obtained a position as fireman on the Big Four Railroad, and five years later was promoted to engineer, which position he now holds, running engine No. 500 for the past year.

On the 11th of November, 1888, Mr. Stitt was united in marriage with Miss Carrie J. Alcorn, a native of De Kalb county, Illinois, and a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Marshall) Alcorn, who were born in Pennsylvania. Her mother, who was a member of the Congregational church, died July 23, 1896, at the age of sixty-six years, but the father is still living and is a retired farmer of Earlville, La Salle county, Illinois. They had four children: (1) Almira first married David Wood, by whom she had two children, Ida M. and James J., and for her second husband married Ed Simison, of Earlville, by which union she has four children: Ed E., Lizzie, Harvey, Walter and Ernest. (2) Alexander M. married Ella Courter, by whom he had three children, Harvey, Asa and May, and for his second wife married Eva Wade, by whom he has two children, Edith and Joseph. (3) Mrs. Stitt is the next in order of birth. (4) Archibald, a resident of Chicago, married Jessie Wells and has one child, Kent. Our subject and his wife have four children, Ruby, Mary, Florence and Ralph.

Mr. Stitt is a supporter of the Republican party, and is an active member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he is now holding the office of second assistant engineer. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are held in high regard by all who know them.

FREDERICK A. BEISSER. Among some of the most enterprising citizens Champaign county are those who were born in Germany, and who have brought to this fertile and productive country the thrift and economy of the old world. In Mr. Beisser we find a worthy representative of this class. He is now quite extensively engaged in market gardening on section 24, Champaign township.

Mr. Beisser was born in the province of Saxony, Prussia, in 1825, and is a son of Gottleib and Johanna (Angell) Beisser, who were of old German ancestry. In the family were four children, two of whom remained in Germany, while the parents, accompanied by our subject and one daughter, came to America in 1843, and first located in Buffalo, New York, where the father engaged

in gardening, that being his life occupation. Later he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1855 came to Champaign county, Illinois, but afterward returned to Cleveland, where his death occurred. He was quite a successful gardener and a man highly respected by all who knew him. His wife died at the home of our subject in this county.

In his native land Frederick A. Beisser attended the public schools until fourteen years of age, and then learned the drug business, at which he worked until coming to America with his parents at the age of eighteen. While a resident of Buffalo, New York, he was employed as a printer on the American Courier for four years, and then went to Cleveland, where he clerked in a drug store for six years. At the end of that period he embarked in the same business on his own account, but his store was destroyed by fire two years later, and he then came to Champaign, Illinois, where he clerked in a general store for six months. He next found employment as a laborer on the railroad, and later was foreman of a section on the Illinois Central Railroad near Effingham, remaining with the company three years. Returning to Champaign he began gardening and has since devoted his time and attention to that occupation, meeting with marked success in the undertaking. He has a good farm of forty-seven acres, which he has transformed from a wild tract to one of the best improved places of the locality. He has a very fine modern home, and besides the usual buildings found upon a farm he has erected several greenhouses for the raising of vegetables, having five thousand, nine hundred and forty feet under glass.

In Buffalo, New York, Mr. Beisser was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Meissner, also a native of Germany, who has been a true helpmeet to him, and has aided him in every possible way. By their united efforts they have succeeded in acquiring a comfortable competence and are now quite well-to-do. Having no children of their own, they reared Robert Fick, who is now married and assists our subject in his work.

Mr. Beisser is a supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and has been tendered political offices but would never accept. For nine years he was a member of the board of the Fair Grounds Association, and took an active interest in that organization. He is an active and prominent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he has been a trustee for forty years, and was a member of the building committee during the erection of the new church on the corner of University avenue and Fourth street, Champaign.

JOHN E. STACKER, a prominent engineer on the Big Four Railroad residing at No. 808 University avenue, Urbana, Illinois, was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, June 15, 1857, a son of James H. and Ura Ann (Bradfield) Stacker, natives of Indiana and Virginia, respectively. He was the only child born of that union, but both parents had previously married. By his first wife there was born a daughter, Mary, now the wife of Mr. Frankenfield, who is on the retired list of the regular army. Our subject's mother was married first to Andrew J. Yeager, and had two children: A. J., a resident of Joplin, Missouri; and Emily, wife of William Branch, a retired farmer of Champaign, Illinois. James H. Stacker, father of our subject, was a good

blacksmith and successful business man, who came to Urbana in 1858, and followed his trade here until his death, which occurred January 14, 1891, when he was sixty-five years of age. In 1862 he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service for two years, being honorably discharged at the end of that time on account of disability. He participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part as long as his health permitted. When discharged it was believed that he would never reach home alive, but he partially recovered, and later worked at his trade for about twenty-four years. The mother of our subject died January 23, 1887, at the age of sixty-two years. Both parents were consistent and faithful members of the Christian church, and were highly respected by all who knew them.

After completing his education in the schools of Champaign, John E. Stacker was employed as a farm hand for a time, and later engaged in farming on his own account until 1881, when he obtained a position as fireman on the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railroad and served as such for three years and a half. The following five years were spent in farming in Piatt county, and at the end of that time he returned as fireman to the same road. Two years later he was promoted to engineer and assumed the duties of that position on New Year's day, 1891, since which time he has had charge of an engine, being with what is now the Big Four during his entire railroad career.

On the 17th of March, 1887, Mr. Stacker was united in marriage with Miss Cora B. Strohl, a daughter of John J. and Sarah Alice (Gordon) Strohl, natives of Ohio and Illinois, respectively, and now residents of Colfax township, this county. Mrs. Stacker is the oldest of their fourteen children, the others being Lucy E., wife of Frank Richards, of Seymour, by whom she has three children, Lillie, Nina and Ernest; Frank, a resident of Monticello, who married Sarah McGee and has two children, Dayton and Violet; Minnie, wife of Charles Dilevou; Daniel E., of Seymour, who married Sylva Williams and has one child, Edith Pearl; Ella, wife of George Turner, of Seymour, by whom she has one child, Violet; Myrtie, wife of Curtis Dilevou, of Streator, Illinois, by whom she has one child, Minnie; Arthur and Ernest, both at home; Harvey, who died in infancy; Clara, who died at the age of three years; Dilla, who died in infancy; Bennie, who died at the age of nineteen years; and Albert, who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Stacker have been born five children: Minnie A., Gertrude A., who died at the age of one year; Ethel O.; Ada B. and Charles E.

Fraternally Mr. Stacker is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has filled all the chairs in the latter lodge. In politics he is independent. He is a popular and trustworthy engineer, a good financier and highly respected citizen —one who stands deservedly high in the esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

AUGUST AHLRICHS, foreman of the car department of the Big Four Railroad at Urbana, Illinois, comes from the fatherland and the strongest and most creditable characteristics of the Teutonic race

have been marked elements in his life and have enabled him to win success in the face of opposing circumstances. He possesses the energy and determination which mark the people of Germany and by the exercise of these powers he has steadily progressed, and has not only accumulated a comfortable property, but has commanded universal respect by his straightforward business methods.

Mr. Ahlrichs was born in Javer, Aldenburg, Germany, August 12, 1839, a son of Hono A. and Christina (Iles) Ahlrichs. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died in 1849, when our subject was quite young. The latter attended the schools of his native land and also served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he thoroughly learned and which he afterward followed as a journeyman for some time. For two years he was a member of the regular army, and from June, 1866, until the following November was in the Prussian war, taking part in the battle near Woods farm and in other battles and skirmishes. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged.

On the 27th of June, 1864, Mr. Ahlrichs was united in marriage with Miss Saverina Van Hofen, and to them has been born three children: Augusta, who was born in Germany; Etta; and Frederick, a pattern maker in the railroad shops at Urbana, who married Helena Penwarren, and has two children, Mildred and August.

In the spring of 1867 Mr. Ahlrichs, accompanied by his wife and child, came to the United States and on landing in New York proceeded at once to Peoria, Illinois, where he worked at his trade for four years and a half. In September, 1871, he came to Urbana, and entered the service of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railroad as a carpenter. On the 24th of January, 1872, he took charge of the wood work of the locomotives built in the shops here, and about 1880 took charge of the car department of the road, with thirty men working under him, but as this is now the principal shop of the Peoria & Eastern Railroad, or the leased line making the Peoria division of the Big Four, he has one hundred men under him, building freight, passenger and baggage cars, as well as repairing. He has worked his own way up to this responsible position, and is to-day one of the most trusted employes of the company. Being a man of good business and executive ability he has accumulated considerable property, owning a good deal of real estate in the eastern part of Urbana. He has built three new houses and has purchased and repaired others, so that he now has six houses besides his own beautiful home on Lynn street, which was erected by him on lots that were covered with timber when he purchased them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahlrichs are both members of the Presbyterian church, and he also affiliates with the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and Eastern Star of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party and has served as alderman from the first ward for two terms. He was a prominent and influential member of the council, took an active part in its work, and during his first term the water works were put in, while during his second term considerable street paving was done. He has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and has done all in his power to advance the welfare of his adopted city.

JAMES THORPE. Sound judgment combined with fine ability in mechanical lines has enabled the subject of this biography, now foreman of the copper shop of the Big Four Railroad of Urbana, Illinois, to attain a substantial success in life, and his history is of especial interest. He was born in Norfolkshire, England, December 21, 1848, and is a son of John and Rhoda (Love) Thorpe, who spent their entire lives in that country, where the former died about 1860, at the age of forty-five years, the latter at the age of about sixty-five years. The father was a locomotive engineer, and both he and his wife were members of the Episcopal church. In their family were five children, namely: Henry, a machinist of England, though known there as a "fitter;" Martha, wife of George Lloyd, of England; James, our subject; Isaac, a boiler maker of Yorkshire, England; and Susannah, also a resident of that country.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of his native land, and later served a five years apprenticeship to the coppersmith's trade. As soon as his time expired he came to America, landed in New York in the fall of 1868, and he proceeded at once to Chicago, where he worked at his trade for a short time. He next went to Peoria, Illinois, where he was employed in the shops of the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railroad for two years, and in 1872 came to Urbana, where he has since resided, his present home being at 501 East Main street. He began work in the shops of the I. B. & W. Railroad, now a part of the Big Four, as foreman of the copper department, and has now filled that responsible position for twenty-eight years to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Thorpe was married April 4, 1878, to Miss Fannie R. Webber, a daughter of G. G. Webber, an old and worthy citizen of Urbana. They have one child, John Charles, who is preparing for a mechanical engineer and will graduate from the Illinois University with the class of 1900. The wife and son are members of the Baptist church, while Mr. Thorpe is an Episcopalian in religious faith. He holds membership in Urbana Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M.; Urbana Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., and Urbana Commandery, No. 16, K. T., and he has served as high priest of the chapter at two different times. He takes very little interest in political affairs, but has most creditably and satisfactorily served as alderman from the first ward of Urbana since 1889. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty devolving upon him, and gives a liberal support to all measures calculated to advance the public welfare.

MARTIN J. FLUCK, chief clerk in the motive power department of the Peoria division of the Big Four Railroad at Urbana, Illinois, his home being at No. 105 East Clark street, Champaign, Illinois, was born in that city, November 13, 1872, and is a son of Martin M. and Augusta C. (Richter) Fluck, both natives of Germany. In 1852, at the age of seventeen years, the father came to the new world on a sailing vessel, it requiring as many weeks at that time to make the voyage as it does days at the present. After working in Chicago for some time, he came to Champaign and entered the service of the Illinois Central Railroad, with which he was connected for many years, being one of the oldest and most trusted employes. He fired the first coal-

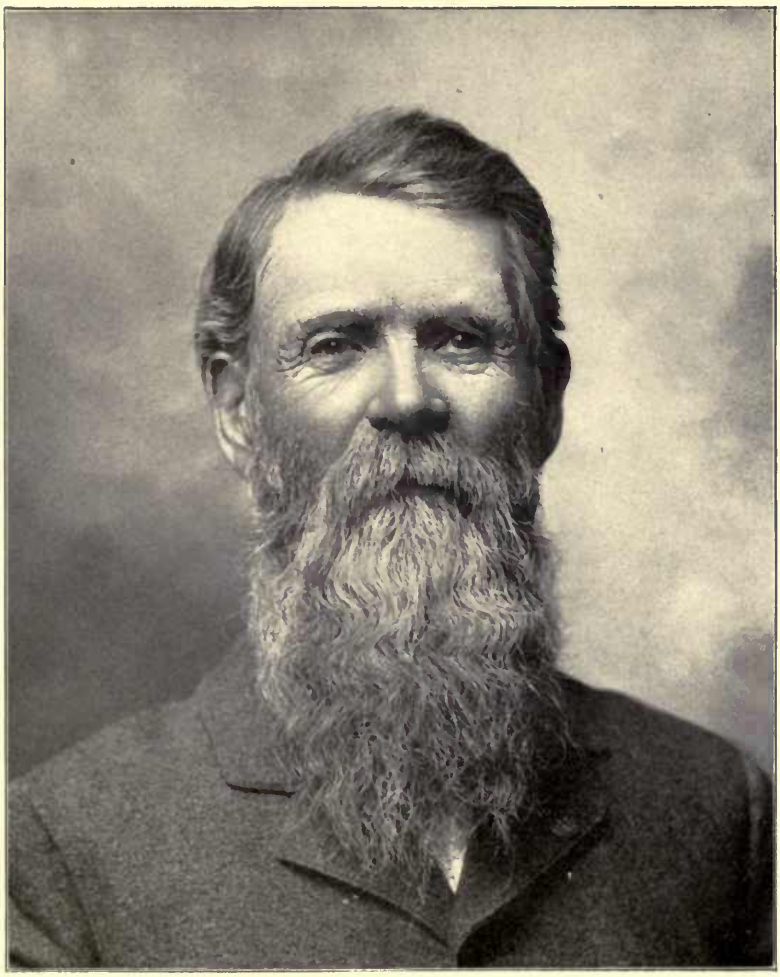
burning engine on the road; was promoted to engineer in the early '60s; and continued to run an engine for several years. Subsequently he acted as night round house foreman at Champaign for twelve years, and then took charge of a switch engine which he ran in the yards, remaining with the Illinois Central throughout his entire business career. He was a member of St. Peter's German Evangelical church, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He died February 12, 1898. He was the only one of a large family to come to this country.

In Champaign, Martin M. Fluck was married to Miss Augusta C. Richter, who came to this country about 1852 with her parents, Frederick and Dorothea Richter, and first located in Texas, but in 1856 came to Champaign, Illinois. Her father died in 1872, her mother in 1887. Their other children were Louis, a farmer of Edna, Texas. William, a carpenter of Champaign; and Mrs. Minnie Schermer, of Galveston, Texas. To Mr. and Mrs. Fluck were born seven children, namely: William F., an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad, residing in Champaign, married Jennie Miller, and has one child, Nina; Emelia is the wife of F. H. Moore, of Champaign, also an engineer on that road, and they have three children, Martin, Frank and Reuben; Doretha B., is living at home in Champaign; Martin J., our subject, is next in order of birth; Augusta H., at home, is oil and fuel clerk at the Big Four shops; Emma M., is a modiste residing at home; and Rosa C. is also at home.

Our subject is indebted to the public schools of Champaign for his educational advantages. He began his business career as clerk in a dry goods store where he remained for about four years, and then entered the office of the Big Four Railroad as shipping and store-room clerk. Later he was oil keeper and then store keeper; and on the 1st of January, 1899, was given his present position, which he is now so efficiently and satisfactorily filling. He is a young man of good business ability, is enterprising and progressive, and is a worthy and highly esteemed citizen of the community in which he resides. He is a member of St. Peter's German Evangelical church, and Western Star Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M., of Champaign, Illinois, and in politics is independent.

LOUIS R. BIRELEY, an enterprising agriculturist of Champaign county, is the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and sixty-five acres on sections 27 and 28, Somer township, and his management of the place is marked by the scientific knowledge and skill which characterize the modern farmer.

A native of Maryland, Mr. Bireley was born in 1831, and is of German and English descent. His father, Louis Bireley, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1803, and remained in his native state until about twenty years of age, when he removed with his parents to Maryland, where as a boot and shoe maker he furnished footwear for the men employed on public works and the canal. He was married in 1824 to Miss Sarah Shank, who was born in Maryland in 1806, and they became the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are still living, the others dying in infancy. Those who survive are Philip W., who married Charlotte Rudicill, and lives in Madison county, Ohio; Rebecca, widow of



L. R. BIRELEY.

John Clark, of Clark county, Ohio; Rebecca, who married for her second husband Charles Garwood, and is now a widow, living in Mahomet, Champaign county, Illinois; Louis R., our subject; Catherine M. is the widow of William J. Ford and resides in Urbana; Elizabeth is the wife of Martin Lowery, a farmer and stock raiser of Mercer county, Ohio; Margaret is the wife of William Hardman, a farmer and stock raiser of Clark county, Ohio; Sarah J., who first married Jacob Ellsworth and second William Rice, a retired farmer and old settler of Danville, Illinois; Eliza, wife of Charles Arbogast, an extensive stock raiser and farmer of Clark county, Ohio; and Henry Clark, who married Susan Rice, and is engaged in farming and dealer in agricultural implements in Marion county, Ohio. In 1839 the father of this family moved to Clark county, Ohio, where he first purchased a tract of sixty acres of land, but kept adding to it until the homestead contained two hundred acres. There his wife, who was a noble Christian woman, a member of the German Reformed church, died in 1874, at the age of sixty-eight years. He survived her thirteen years, dying on the old homestead in 1887, at the age of eighty-four. He, too, was a member of the German Reformed church in early life, but later became a Universalist. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was highly respected and esteemed wherever known.

The subject of this sketch continued to reside with his parents until 1860, when he began farming for himself, but in 1862, when the dark cloud of war hung so heavily over the nation, he laid aside all personal interest and responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in Company C, One Hundred and Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and giving three of the best years of his life to the service. The last year he was on detached duty most of the time, and was honorably discharged at Camp Butler, in 1865, the war having ended. Returning to his home he once more engaged in farming.

In 1868, Mr. Bireley was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia Marrott, who is the first in order of birth in the family of six children born to Richard and Cassandra (Sim) Marrott. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph W. and Keturah (Mercer) Sim, of English and Scotch descent. Our subject and his wife have five children, namely: Jessie, now the wife of R. C. Green, a farmer and stock dealer of Stanton township, this county; Robert A., who married Gertrude Watson, and is engaged in farming in Somer township; Ethel, wife of George McClurg, manager of the electric light plant at Urbana; L. Frank and Cassandra, who are at home with their parents.

Mr. Bireley came to Piatt county, Illinois, in 1860, and took up his residence; later came to Champaign, locating in Somer township, where he now owns a well-improved and highly cultivated farm, as previously stated. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has met with well-deserved success, and is to-day one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of his community. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has held the office of school director for several terms. He adheres to the Universalist church and the Grand Army post of Urbana. His loyalty is above question and has been manifest in days of peace as well as in time of war. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and he has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Champaign county.

F. H. LLOYDE. Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Champaign than F. H. Lloyde, the junior member of the firm of D. H. Lloyde & Son. He is an important factor in business circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry that never flags. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of Champaign.

D. H. Lloyde, father of our subject, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, June 11, 1835, a son of Captain David and Eliza (Seaver) Lloyde, natives of Springfield and Somerset, Massachusetts, respectively. In early life Captain Lloyde engaged in farming, but later turned his attention to contracting and building. In 1838 he came to Illinois and took up his residence in Clarion township, Bureau county, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. He organized Company K, of the Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was commissioned captain, and during the siege of Vicksburg was shot through the heart, May 16, 1862. He left a wife and five children to mourn his loss, the family consisting of D. H., father of our subject; Jennie, now Mrs. Lees, of Attica, Kansas; James, a merchant and station agent at Milo, Missouri; Lucy, now Mrs. Herrick, of Princeton; and George O., a contractor and builder, of Bloomington. The mother of this family is still living and makes her home in La Moille, Illinois. Captain Lloyde was always a prominent man in his community, and served as supervisor and justice of the peace for many years. After coming to this state he taught school in La Moille for a number of years, and took great interest in educational affairs, locating several schools in Bureau county. He conducted the first hotel in La Moille, at which place the stages then stopped. He also built or assisted in the construction of the court house and many of the leading buildings in and around Princeton.

The father of our subject began his education in the district schools of Bureau county, and later attended Judson College at La Salle and Bereau College at Jacksonville, Illinois. He remained at home until he attained his majority, and then engaged in contracting and building, having inherited his father's ability in the use of tools. Coming to Champaign in 1874, he formed a partnership with E. V. Peterson, under the firm name of Peterson & Lloyde, and embarked in the book, stationery and music business. When the senior member retired from the firm in 1884 our subject became a member of the company, and business has since been conducted under the name of D. H. Lloyde & Son. On the 25th of February, 1857, the father married Miss Ellen P. Angier, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Rev. Aaron and Eliza (Luther) Angier, who came to Illinois in 1855, and settled in La Moille, Bureau county. Her father was a minister of the Baptist church, and both he and his wife are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyde were born three children: F. H., our subject; Clarence A., who was graduated from the mechanical department of the University of Illinois, and is now proprietor of the Twin City Electric Company of Champaign; and Clifford L., who is with the firm of D. H. Lloyde & Son.

F. H. Lloyde, whose name introduces this review, was born in La Moille, Bureau

county, Illinois, December 29, 1857, and acquired his early education in the public schools of Princeton. After completing the high school course in that city, he came to Champaign and entered the University of Illinois, where he pursued the literary and scientific course of four years, graduating in 1878. Although his parents were living here at that time, he returned to Bureau county, and engaged in teaching school at Walnut for one winter. He then entered his father's store in Champaign, and has since been connected with that establishment, serving in a clerical capacity until the firm of Peterson & Lloyde was dissolved in 1884, when Mr. Peterson went west. Our subject then entered into partnership with his father, as previously stated, and has had exclusive charge of the book and stationery departments, while his father has charge of the music. They make a specialty of books, stationary, art materials, etc., needed at the University, the store being established for that purpose in 1867. It is the only exclusive bookstore in the county, and has agents through several adjoining counties, catering especially to the teachers' trade. Recently a photographic department has been added and the firm now carry cameras and all needed supplies for photographic art, and also have a dark room for the free use of amateurs. They have built up an excellent trade along various lines and well merit the success they have achieved.

On the 5th of June, 1879, Mr. Lloyde was united in marriage with Miss Frances Core, a native of Illinois; and a daughter of H. C. Core, who was a prominent business man of Champaign for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lloyde are active and prominent members of the Baptist church, in which he is serving as deacon, and has been a teacher in the Sunday school for many years. He was also organist for about ten years, and has led the singing many years in the Sunday school. He and his wife attended the Endeavor National Conventions at Boston, Cleveland and Minneapolis, and they have not only traveled extensively over the United States, but spent six months abroad, visiting Egypt and the Holy Land, Turkey and other parts of Europe. Socially Mr. Lloyde is a member of Langley Camp, Sons of Veterans; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Court of Honor. He has served six years on the Public Library Board. He is treasurer of the building committee of the Y. M. C. A. of the University of Illinois. His political support is given the Prohibition party, and he has been a member of the county central committee for seven years, serving as chairman and secretary of the committee for several years each. On a strictly Prohibition ticket he was elected to the city council in 1897 by a majority of fifty in a ward that was four to one in favor of the Republican party, which fact plainly indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He has been the candidate of his party for many different offices, but as the city has an overwhelming Republican majority he has been defeated. He possesses that culture which only travel can bring, is an entertaining conversationalist, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him on account of his sterling worth and strict integrity.

SAMUEL E. WINCHESTER. Among the brave men who devoted the opening years of their manhood to the defense

of the country from the internal foes who sought her dismemberment, was Mr. Winchester, a prominent resident of Somer township, Campaign county, Illinois, who owns and operates a good farm of eighty acres on section 1.

He was born in Madison county, New York, May 20, 1840, and is of English and German descent. His parents were John E. and Janette (Dutcher) Winchester, also natives of New York, the former born March 19, 1816, the latter December 10, 1812. They were married in Lebanon, New York, July 3, 1835, and had five children, of whom our subject is the oldest. Polly Jane, born January 25, 1842, is now the widow of William Wilcox, and resides in Aurora, Kane county, Illinois. Ruby Ann, born April 8, 1845, married first Albert A. Logan, and after his death married Isaiah Wilcox, and is also a resident of Aurora. Sarah M., born September 4, 1847, married first Henry Ives, and second John W. Brownfield, a farmer of Somer township, this county. George W., born October 22, 1848, married Hattie Smith, and is a traveling salesman residing in Urbana. In June, 1860, the father with his family removed from New York to Kaneville, Kane county, Illinois, where he purchased land and engaged in farming until 1868, when he came to Champaign county and bought a farm in Rantoul township, continuing to engage in agricultural pursuits here until called to his final rest August 9, 1898, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. He was a Republican in politics. In early life he was a member of the Baptist church, but after coming to Illinois, he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a consistent member of the same until his death. His widow is still living and now makes her home with her son George W. (married Harriet Smith, who died January 7, 1900), and Mrs. Ann Wilcox, in Aurora, Ill.

The subject of this sketch remained under the parental roof until after the Civil war broke out. In 1861, he joined the boys in blue of Company G, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer infantry and participated in twenty-one battles and skirmishes, but fortunately was never wounded. He was in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shilo under General Sweeney, and later went with General Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. When the army arrived at Savannah, Georgia, he was honorably discharged, as his term of enlistment had expired, and he returned home January 5, 1865, with a war record of which he may feel justly proud.

Mr. Winchester was married in 1868, to Miss Mary E. Loveland, of Kane county, Illinois, who died April 15, 1870, and Alice, the only child born to them, died in infancy. On April 27, 1872, he married her sister, Miss Alice J. Loveland, a daughter of Euretus and Emeline (Manning) Loveland, of Kane county, and by this union has been born five children, namely: Ida M. is the wife of Wilber Alexander, of Thomasboro, Illinois, and they have three children, Lee W., Edith May and Roy Wilber; Ernest Arthur, a farmer of Stanton township, this county, married Rosella James, and has one daughter, Bessie Frances; Albert E., is a farmer residing with his brother Ernest E., in Stanton township; Elva, Effie and Benjamin are all at home with their parents, attending school.

For several years Mr. Winchester engaged in farming in Kane county, and was also employed nine years on public works. In 1883 he removed to Somer township, Cham-

paign county, where he purchased a farm, and has since successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has placed his land under a high state of cultivation and made a number of excellent improvements thereon which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He is an honored member of Black Eagle Post, No. 129, G. A. R., of Urbana, and is unswerving in his allegiance to the Republican party. In religious belief he with his wife are Baptists.

RICHARD WHITESIDE BRAITHWAITE, the leading veterinary surgeon of Champaign, was born near Blackpool, Lancashire, England, January 24, 1853, a son of John and Alice (Whiteside) Braithwaite. The father, a well-to-do farmer and stock raise by occupation, was born in the same place, the ancestral home being Mythop Hall, which has been in the family for many years. Both he and the grandfather, John Braithwaite, Sr., took an active part in political affairs, and the family was one of the best known and most prominent in that locality. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Richard Whiteside of Westby Hall, Lancashire, also a landed estate, and on his death he left each one of his family, three sons and two daughters, a separate estate. Our subject's father died in the summer of 1876, his mother, October 19, 1899. Both were members of the Episcopal church.

During his boyhood Richard W. Braithwaite was educated at Weeton common school, Kirkham grammar school, and Blackpool agricultural college, fitting himself for a farmer. While a youth on the farm he became a noted prize ploughman, winning five firsts in the youth's class, and sixteen firsts in the men's class, beating the champion of England, James Barker, three times, and afterwards officiated as judge in all parts of the country. He, later, turned his attention to veterinary surgery and served an apprenticeship with a government veterinarian in Pulton le Fylde. Subsequently, while pursuing a course in veterinary medicine in London, his father was instantly killed by a runaway, and he was called home to take charge of the farm, being the second son of eighteen children, remaing there until coming to the United States in 1881. He came to this country with an importation of horses for the Melbourne stock farm in Washington, Tazewell county, Illinois, owned by A. G. Danforth, and was engaged to take charge of Melbourne stock farm, and the veterinary work thereon for one year, during Mr. Baylor's absence while in Europe importing horses, his younger brother being old enough at that time to assume the responsibilities of the home farm. He then went with L. S. Ruppert, brother-in-law of A. G. Danforth, to Bloomington, to take charge of his city breeding establishment in connection with Daseianna stock farm, where he remained four years. For the same length of time he also had charge of the Ferre stock farm in Normal, which he carried on in connection with the practice of his profession, having built up a good practice with Dr. Scott Brothers. In the spring of 1891 he passed his veterinary examinations and came to Champaign with Mr. Booker and took charge of his stables, at the same time engaging in the practice of veterinary surgery. In 1893 he established a Veterinary Hospital. In 1894 he bought out Mr. Booker, and formed a partnership with J. W. Cleveland, under the firm name of

Braithwaite & Cleveland, which connection still exists. He had established a veterinary hospital in 1893, the first in Champaign, and fitted it up with all the conveniences for the treatment of diseases and for surgical operations. The firm also have a breeding stable. Mr. Braithwaite has built up an excellent city practice, and receiving long distance calls from Rantoul to Arcola and Ogden to Bloomington, and is without doubt one of the most able and skillful, as well as successful veterinary surgeons in this section. He has been quite a prominent member of the Illinois Veterinary Medical & Surgical Association since 1891, and has frequently been called upon to read papers before its conventions, and is still an energetic student.

On the 18th of February, 1891, Mr. Braithwaite was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Cope, of Le Roy, who was born and reared at that place, and is the youngest daughter in a family of six children. Her father was Charles Cope, one of the pioneers and wealthy men of Le Roy township, where he owned a fine farm of six hundred and forty acres. Two children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: John Earl, deceased; and Lyle David. The family have a pleasant home at No. 205 West Washington street, erected by Mr. Braithwaite in 1897. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church, and he also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the American Home Circle.

JAMES P. BLUE, the well-known foreman of the car department of the Big Four Railroad at Urbana, Illinois, has for almost a third of a century been a faithful and trusted employe of that company and has worked his way upward from a humble position to one of great responsibility. His career has been characterized by industry, honesty and strict fidelity to duty, and due success has not been denied him.

Mr. Blue was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, July 15, 1845, a son of James N. and Sophia (Laramore) Blue, also natives of that county. The father followed the occupation of farming throughout his active business life. In 1851 he left the Old Dominion, and after spending about three years in Licking and Knox counties, Ohio, he came to Illinois in 1855, and settled in Mahomet township, this county, where he bought an improved farm. Later he removed to Newcomb township, but finally sold his property there and purchased a farm of twenty acres two and a half miles north of Urbana. In this county he continued to engage in farming and stock raising for many years, but spent the last six years with his daughter in Kansas, where he died April 5, 1890, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife died two years later at the age of sixty-seven. They were members of the Baptist church at Mahomet, and were known all over the county and most highly respected. At different times the father served his fellow-citizens as collector, assessor and constable.

The children of this worthy couple were Thomas F., who married Elizabeth Ater, and is now clerking in a grocery at Urbana; John W., who married Sarah Jane Means, and follows farming in Mahomet township; Hannah, who married John F. Sims, and died in Kansas in 1897, aged fifty-four years; James P., our subject; Susan, who married F. Lewis, and died at the age of

forty-two years; Peter N., who married Winnie Schibler, and is car inspector in Urbana; Mary C., wife of John Wingler, who is in the brick business in Urbana; Louisa, who married John Gear, and died at the age of twenty-four years; and Alice, second wife of John Gear.

Reared upon the home farm, James P. Blue engaged in agricultural pursuits until he attained his majority, and then turned his attention to railroading, entering the employ of the Big Four Railroad Company November 1, 1869, as a workman in the car repairing department. Later he was car inspector, and was engaged in repairing cars for some years. For fifteen years he was foreman of the wrecking crew, and for the past ten years has capably filled his present responsible position. He has never been discharged nor laid off for any reason, and is to-day about the only one in his department who was there when he entered it.

Mr. Blue was married, January 10, 1867, to Miss Sarah J. Ater, a daughter of John and Sarah (Davis) Ater, natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, respectively, but the latter was reared in Pickaway county, Ohio. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years, but the mother is still living at the age of seventy-six. She is an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist church. In their family were thirteen children, namely: Rebecca M., wife of William H. Dickerson, of Urbana; Zacariah, who was killed in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, during the Civil war, at the age of twenty-four years; Abram, who married Cynthia Lane, and lives in Urbana; Elizabeth wife of T. F. Blue, of Urbana, Sarah J., wife of our subject; Anna, wife of Benjamin Stucky, of Fisher, Illinois; Mary A., wife of John Gibson, of Iowa; John E., who married Emma Cunningham and lives in Urbana; Missouri, wife of John McAllister, of Norfolk, Kansas; Laura, wife of Henry Lyons, of Iowa: Ida, wife of Frank Stone, of the same state; Amelia C., wife of B. F. McFarland, of Iowa, and Eddie, who is living with his mother in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. Blue have one child, Nora Edith, wife of E. R. Wright, a painter in the employ of the Big Four railroad at Urbana, by whom she has two children, Harold R. and Thearl J. Living with our subject and his wife is her nephew, Royal Blue, a bright boy, who is a pupil in the third grade of the public schools of Urbana.

As a public-spirited and progressive citizen, Mr. Blue takes deep interest in public affairs, and most efficiently served as alderman from 1896 to 1898. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is one of the managers of the camp at Urbana. He and his wife are active members of the Baptist church, in which he has served as deacon for eighteen years, superintendent of the Sunday school, and is also a member of the finance committee. They have a nice cozy home at No 307 North Race street, and are skilled in the art of making a place homelike and attractive to their many friends. Here happiness and good cheer abound, and hospitality reigns supreme.

GEORGE C. PETTENGER. For thirty years this well known citizen of Urbana has been engaged in railroading, and few stand higher in the esteem of the officials and employes of the Big Four Railroad. He is one of those men, too few, alas! who

take a genuine interest in their special occupation and earnestly strive to perform every duty devolving upon them, realizing, to the uttermost, the responsibility which rests upon them, and giving only a secondary thought to the livelihood so justly earned. Rarely does the traveler give a thought to the man who, like the pilot of a great steamship, guides and guards the precious lives entrusted to his care, into the safe haven whither they are destined, and who, by a minute of carelessness or a rash movement, might hurl hundreds of his fellows to an awful death. To the one who loyally and bravely stands at his post, though the tempests rage and lightnings flash, and who, as so often happens, valiantly goes to a hero's grave in the hope of saving his helpless passengers, let us render the homage of grateful hearts, at least.

George C. Pettenger was reared in the atmosphere of a good Christian home, and his aged parents, Morris and Lucinda (Conover) Pettenger, are still living, though well along in the '70s. They have been life-long residents of Hunterdon county, New Jersey, and, during their active years, were occupied in agricultural pursuits. They are passing their declining years in the village of Hamden, not far from their old homestead. They have long been faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their youngest child, Margaret, died at the age of twelve years, and all of their other children survive. Mary, the eldest, is the wife of John H. Bartow, an engineer on the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, his home being in Paterson, New Jersey. William W., the eldest son, lives in Somerville, New Jersey, and Samuel was for several years employed in the yards of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Frances is the wife of Andrew Scott, a farmer of Clinton, New Jersey; Emma is the wife of Lewis Rupel, a retired capitalist of Chicago; and Rachael, Mrs. George Platner, resides in Englewood, Illinois. Joseph is general foreman of the Western Union Telegraph Company, at San Francisco.

The birth of George C. Pettenger took place at Hamden, New Jersey, September 5, 1850. He loyally gave his services to his parents in the general work of the farm until he was twenty years of age, when he decided to start upon his independent career. Going to Scranton he took a position as brakesman on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and at the end of a year was promoted to the place of fireman. Even at that late day, 1871, the engines in use there burned wood for fuel, even though they were employed in drawing coal to various points, and the train on which young Pettenger was acting as fireman carried coal to the canal boats at Port Washington, New Jersey. At the end of six months, however, he was transferred to the northern division of the road, during the construction of the double track between Scranton and Great Bend, Pennsylvania, where he spent another six months. Subsequently, he was given charge of a switch engine in the Scranton yards, and in a short time became engineer on the Kiser Valley branch, hauling coal from the mines. A year or so later, he took charge of a train on the main line from Great Bend to Syracuse, New York, a distance of eighty miles. In the fall of 1880 he entered the employ of the New York Central, and ran a train from Buffalo and Niagara Falls to Syracuse, one hundred and fifty miles.

In October, 1881, Mr. Pettenger con-

cluded to come further west, where he believed that the growing importance of railroading would give him better opportunities. After visiting a sister in Chicago, he had no difficulty in obtaining the favorable consideration of the local railroad people, and accepted a position proffered him by Edward Hiserodt, master mechanic of the I. B. & W. Railroad, and on the 15th of November, 1881, took a train over the road to Crawfordsville, Indiana, his first trip on that line. Since that time he has never been idle save when he took a short vacation; and he is generally conceded to be one of the most efficient and careful engineers on the road. Since 1891 he has had a specially desirable and short run, trains No. 2 and 3, leaving Urbana at 6:34 A. M., and arriving in Indianapolis at 10:35; leaving that city at 4:25 P. M., and reaching this place at 9:38. During his whole railroad career he has been unusually fortunate in never having an accident of any importance.

In the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Mr. Pettenger has been prominent for a score of years. During the two years just ended, he has been chief of the local division, No. 193, and in 1898 was sent as a delegate to the Third Biennial Convention of the Brotherhood, at St. Louis, while in August, 1899, he was similarly honored by being chosen as delegate from the Urbana division to the general board of adjustment of the Big Four system, which convened at Indianapolis. He was re-elected to represent Division 143 at the Board of Locomotive Engineers' Convention at Milwaukee in May, 1900. Moreover, Mr. Pettenger is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, belonging to Urbana Lodge, No. 157; Urbana Chapter, No. 80; Urbana Commandery, No. 16; the Consistory at Indianapolis; and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also of the Indiana capital. In his political views, he is a thorough-going Republican. With all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance he is deservedly popular, and all along his "run" the passing of his train is looked forward to by many, who enjoy a sight of his honest, good-natured face.

Only nine years ago did Mr. Pettenger establish a home and on January 26, 1891, he married at Indianapolis, Miss Jessie Jackson, daughter of O. H. and Alice (Hoagland) Jackson. The father was employed as master mechanic of the Big Four system in the city mentioned, for a number of years. The only child of our subject and wife is Charles Jackson, born December 11, 1892. Four years ago, Mr. Pettenger erected his pretty modern residence, and here he is surrounded with the accessories of a model home.

PETER KLEIN. No foreign element has become a more important part of our American citizenship than that furnished by Germany. The emigrants from that land have brought with them to the new world the stability, enterprise and perseverance characteristic of their people and have fused these qualities with the progressiveness and indomitable spirit of the west. Mr. Klein, who is now practically living a retired life upon a small farm near Champaign, Illinois, is a worthy representative of this class.

He was born in the Rhine Province, Germany, February 6, 1836, a son of William and Katie (Wasserhess) Klein, also natives of that province. They were good, honest, industrious farming people, who led

rather uneventful lives, and never left their native land. Religiously they were members of the German Catholic church. The mother died when our subject was only four years old, leaving four children. The oldest of these is Joseph, who married a Miss Hensyleer, and still lives in Germany. Our subject is next in order of birth. Frederick came to the United States in 1867, and was engaged in farming with our subject in this county, where he died in 1879, at the age of forty-two years. He was unmarried. Anna Magdalena came with Frederick to this county and later married Peter Youngerfeldt, but she died in 1869, at the age of thirty-two years. Her husband departed his life in 1899. Peter Youngerfeldt was a second time married and had several children by that union. He died at the age of sixty-five years.

Peter Klein was reared and educated in his native land, and served for three years in the German army, from 1857 to 1860, but did not take part in any war. His father was also in the service for three years prior to his marriage. In 1866 our subject emigrated to America and first located in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he worked for one year, but not liking the place, he then went to La Salle county, Illinois, and worked there as a farm hand for a year.

In May, 1868, Mr. Klein came to this county, formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Peter Youngerfeldt, and commenced farming in Colfax township, where they purchased two hundred acres of land and operated it together for two years. Our subject then formed a partnership with his brother Frederick and continued his farming operations until the latter's death in 1879. In December, 1874, Mr. Klein returned to his old home in the Rhine Province, Germany, where a few months were very happily passed with old friends and relatives.

In 1875 he again came to the United States, and was accompanied on the voyage by Miss Katie Schumacher, a native of the same place, and a daughter of Arnold and Agnes (Wollan) Schumacher, both of whom died in Germany, the former at the age of sixty years, the latter at the age of forty-one. On reaching America Mr. Klein and Miss Schumaker were married. Of the eleven children born of this union four died in infancy. Joseph, the eldest, is a graduate of the Business College in Champaign, and now has charge of his father's farm in Colfax township. Agnes and Carl are on the farm with Joseph, while William, Frederick, Annie and Frances, are all at home, and attending school in Champaign.

To the cultivation and improvement of his farm in Colfax township, Mr. Klein devoted his energies for many years, transforming the wild prairie land into one of the best and most highly cultivated farms of the township. He also extended its boundaries until they now include three hundred and forty acres of land. Besides this valuable land he owns a farm of seventy-five acres near Mahomet, and ten acres in Champaign City, upon which he now resides. In 1890 he retired from active farm labor and removed to his present comfortable home in the suburbs of Champaign, where he expects to spend his declining years, enjoying a well-earned rest. He has never taken a very active part in politics, but served as school director for many years while living in Colfax township. He and his family are members of the German Catholic church, and are highly respected by all who know them.

MARK CARLEY. The city of Champaign largely stands as a monument to the enterprising industry and progressive spirit of Mark Carley, who built the first residence on the town site, and established many of its pioneer business interests. He was a man of distinctive and forceful individuality, of broad mentality and most mature judgment, and he left his impress upon Champaign in a manner which contributed to its material advancement and substantial improvement. His indefatigable enterprise and fertility of resource enabled him to conquer all the obstacles and difficulties in his path and to press steadily forward toward the goal of his ambitions and his labors. No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of the honored subject of this sketch, and yet the biographer would desire to pay tribute to one whose life work was so closely interwoven with the history of Champaign county.

Mr. Carley was born in the town of Hancock, in Hillsboro county, New Hampshire, August 24, 1798. His native county was also the birthplace of Horace Greeley, whom he resembled in many respects. Little is known concerning the ancestral history of the family, save that his paternal grandparents were natives of Massachusetts and were of English extraction. Joseph Carley, the grandfather, was born February 17, 1718, and married Sally Washburn, who was born September 1, 1729, and belonged to the prominent Washburn family that has furnished so many prominent men to the nation. Elijah Carley, the father of our subject, was the youngest of their children, and was born in Massachusetts, May 21, 1771. He wedded Agnes Graham, who was born in New Hampshire, July 18, 1772. Some of his brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and one of them, Jonathan Carley, left a soldier's discharge which was signed by the hand of Washington, and is now carefully cherished among valuable family papers. Elijah Carley was too young to serve in the war for independence, but he and one of his brothers served in the war of 1812, first with the dragoons and afterward with the heavy artillery. Mrs. Kincaid, daughter of Mark Carley, now has in her possession parts of the uniform worn by her grandfather in the service. In 1810 Elijah Carley removed from New Hampshire to Vermont, his son Elijah remaining at home until 1816. The year previous he entered upon an apprenticeship to the house carpenter's and millwright's trades. His educational advantages were quite limited, but reading, extended experience, observation and travel later made him a man of exceptional information. When he was about twenty years of age, the spirit of self-reliance, which served him so well in after life, began to manifest itself, and he resolved to see more of the world. Accordingly, in 1819, he went to New Brunswick, and after a few months concluded to go to New Orleans. On the 1st of January, 1820, he sailed from the mouth of the Penobscott river for the Crescent city. When off Cape Hatteras the bow sprit of the vessel was carried away in a gale and the ship sprung a leak, but after pumping for twelve days and nights the vessel reached Savannah, where it put into port for repairs. Mr. Carley then embarked for Havana, Cuba, and after spending a few days in that city sailed for New Orleans, where he arrived April 24, 1820. On reaching the mouth of the Mississippi on his voyage from Havana

he had a narrow escape from drowning. The vessel grounded on a sand bar and the mate, Mr. Carley and three others got into a small boat which was capsized, the mate being drowned. Mr. Carley was saved by clinging to the boat and getting astride of it. It floated four miles before he was taken off, but at length he arrived at New Orleans.

After a short time spent in the city Mr. Carley went to LaFourche, where he began work for a dollar per day and board, building mills and cotton gins. He there spent three summers, passing the winters in New Orleans. In 1823 he went to the parish of Eelicrans, where he remained until 1837. He found both the climate and people agreeable and remained in the south for seventeen years, during which time he made two visits to Ohio and Vermont. During one of those, on the 7th of April, 1830, he was married to Miss Abigail W. Stevens, daughter of S. Stevens, of Springfield, Vermont, and locating his family in Clermont county, Ohio, he returned to Louisiana in order to accumulate something for his future. In 1837 he joined his wife in Ohio, where he remained until 1853, engaged in farming and taking wood by boat down the Ohio river to Cincinnati.

In 1850 Mr. Carley went by way of the Panama route to California, and during the passage from New Orleans to Chagres, owing to adverse winds, the vessel stopped at Grand Island in the Carribean sea, which he found inhabited by the descendants of old buccaneers, with an English resident governor. From Panama the vessel sailed for Cocos Island in order to obtain water, and while there Mr. Carley saw chiseled in the rock the names of three small vessels commanded by Captain Cook on his first voyage around the world, together with the date of his landing. Not long after Mr. Carley's arrival in the Golden state it became evident that he had won the confidence of the miners, for he was chosen by them to act as one of the judges of the mining regions, a most delicate and responsible position, requiring prudence, judgment and discrimination, for no law was in force and the judge held in his hands the lives and property of the people.

In the fall of 1851 Mr. Carley returned to Ohio, where he remained until 1853, the date of his arrival in Champaign county. He located in Urbana, but the next year came to what is now the city of Champaign, although the site was then a raw prairie dotted with only a very few farm houses. He came here at the solicitation of the Illinois Central Railroad company, which offered him eight building lots if he would erect a home on the town site. Accordingly he built a brick residence at what is now the corner of State and Washington streets, the first house in the town, although another family had lived in a small car which they had moved here prior to the date of his arrival. His home was afterward removed to Randolph street, where it still stands. He also erected the first grain warehouse in Champaign, and put in the first steam engine to operate a corn sheller and elevator. This was burned in the fire of August 24, 1872, after which he replaced the plant with a brick warehouse which is still standing at the junction of Main street with the Illinois Central Railroad tracks. He also built a large brick stable on Markey street in 1874.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carley were born eleven children, but only three are now living: Mrs. Mary W. Kincaid, one of the highly esteemed ladies of Champaign; Gra-

ham; and Isolta, wife of W. H. Mahan, of Chicago. On the 12th of November, 1871, the mother died. She was one of the esteemed pioneer ladies of the county, held in high regard for many excellences of character, and her death was widely mourned.

Through the legitimate channels of business, Mr. Carley had become the possessor of considerable means, and was enabled to surround his family with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Nothing afforded him greater happiness than to minister to them, and it seemed that he could not do too much to enhance their welfare. He was truly domestic in his tastes and found his greatest joy when at his own fireside with his wife and children. He provided his children with excellent educational privileges and several times went with his family to Europe that they might enjoy the privileges and pleasures which only travel can bring. His name was honored in all classes of society, for his life was ever upright, just, loyal and true. He was a man of strong intellectuality, broad human sympathies and tolerance, and imbued with fine sensibilities and clearly defined principles. Honor and integrity were synonymous with his name, and he enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

MOSES DEERE, deceased. Wherever there is pioneer work to be done men of energy and ability are required, and success or failure depends upon the degree of those qualities that is possessed. In wresting the land of Champaign county from its native wilderness; in fitting it for the habitation of men; in developing the natural resources of the community in which they live, few if any have contributed more largely than Mr. Deere, and it is mete and proper that for the arduous and important labor he has performed he should receive due reward.

Mr. Deere was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, January 17, 1826, and was the third child and eldest son of Larkin and Elizabeth (Constantine) Deere. The father was born in Virginia, where he followed farming for a time, but when a young man went to Kentucky, where he met and married the mother of our subject, who was a native of that state. To them were born ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom two died in infancy. Those who reached years of maturity were Jane, who married M. Davis, of Vermilion county, Illinois, and both are now deceased; Frances, wife of Jackson Yount, who was engaged in farming in Champaign county for a number of years, and then removed to Washington, where both died; Moses, our subject; Thomas, who served for three years as a soldier of the Civil war and is now engaged in farming near Carthage, Missouri; Martha, who married Samuel Reisinger, and both died in Sidney township, this county; Wesley, a prosperous farmer living near Neodesha, Kansas; Harriet, who married William Black, and both died in Sidney township, this county; and Amanda, who married Joseph Black, and both are also deceased.

In 1830 Larkin Deere, with his family, removed from Kentucky to this county, and stopped first at Linn Grove, though their destination was several miles farther north, at Big Grove. After spending three weeks at Linn Grove, he with the assistance of the few settlers living at Big Grove, built a log cabin at the latter place, about a mile and

a half south of where Urbana is now located, and there the family began life in true pioneer style, encountering the usual trials and difficulties of such an existence. There were but very few cabins scattered throughout the county at that time, and no other improvements of any kind, the country being an unbroken prairie. For a few years wild game furnished about the only meat for our pioneer family, and they lived on this and what produce they could raise. All trading was done in Chicago, which was then a village, and to which the family made a trip only about once a year. The early settlers traded considerably with the Indians, which at that time were quite numerous in this locality. While game of all kinds was plentiful, and our subject has seen as many as thirty deer in one drove, and these were often killed with clubs, it being unnecessary to use firearms. The father died at the age of about fifty years after about sixteen years spent in this county, and the mother afterward passed away while visiting relatives in Kentucky. He was a very industrious man and was well liked by all the early settlers.

Our subject, being the eldest son, had no opportunity of attending school, as his services were needed at home. He was only twenty years of age when his father died and the support of the family fell mainly upon him. At that time there was a debt upon the farm which he paid off, he buying one hundred acres of the old homestead when sold. He worked early and late, making what improvements he could from time to time, as well as paying up the debts contracted. When these were settled, he began adding to his farm until he secured two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land still in the family. It has been thoroughly tiled and good and substantial buildings erected thereon. Although not having any education, he made a success of life, and for a number of years was the largest shipper of live stock in the county. His specialty was hogs, cattle and sheep, and he fed all the grain raised by him to his stock and purchased more for that purpose. He continued to actively engage in business until 1894, when he removed to Sidney to educate his children, where he lived a retired life. There he purchased one acre of ground and erected thereon a comfortable modern residence, that he and his wife might enjoy a much needed rest. Being of an energetic nature, he, however, felt more contented when occupied with work, and preferred his farm to life in the village. He always enjoyed excellent health, and never had occasion to call a physician for himself.

On the 6th of March, 1850, Mr. Deere married Miss Harriet Thomas, who was born in Sidney township, this county, in 1833, her parents being among the early settlers of that section of the county. She has only one sister living, Melissa, widow of John Burdell, a resident of Kansas. She had one brother, Joseph, who died in 1863, in the service of his country during the Civil war.

Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Deere, four died in infancy, and two others are now deceased, namely: Mary, who married Bert Hudson, of Sidney township, and died in 1896, leaving five children; and Solomon, who died unmarried at the home of his parents in 1897. The others are as follows: Joseph, a successful farmer of Shelby county, Illinois, is married and has three children; Harriet is the wife of Robert Butler, who is engaged in mercantile business in Washington, and they have five children; Ella is the wife of George Griffin,

who lives on a part of her father's farm north of Sidney, and they have two children; Ollie is the wife of Arthur Kuhns, a street car conductor of Chicago, and they have two children; James C., who has been a successful teacher for several years, is a graduate of the Sidney high school, and also attended the University at Champaign and at Effingham; and Nora, an accomplished young lady living at home, is also a graduate of the Sidney high school.

Mr. Deere was a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church of Sidney, of which body his wife is also a member. He was a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, but would never accept office. Beginning life a poor boy and in debt, his success was remarkable, and was due entirely to his own hard work, good management and perseverance. Although of a quiet, retiring disposition, he made many friends, and his sterling worth and strict integrity gained him the confidence of all with whom he came in contact. His death, which occurred April 5, 1900, was a sad loss to the community, and the bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of his and their many friends.

DANIEL M. LEHMAN, a valued citizen of Champaign, is of German descent, his great-great-grandfather having been born in Germany, but his great-grandfather, his grandfather, his father and himself were born in Pennsylvania, and from the early history of that state the family has borne an important part in its development and progress. The mother of our subject, Rebecca, daughter of William Haak, was a native of Lebanon county, same state, and her ancestors, also, were prominently associated with the founding of that great commonwealth. She was called to her reward in 1858, and left seven children to mourn her loss. Henry, who enlisted in the war of the Rebellion and did valiant service for the stars and stripes, was never heard from after the second days' battle of the Wilderness, in which it is known that he took part. David, the fourth of the family, died in California. Franklin, Samuel, Cyrus and Amanda, widow of Dr. H. Hess, reside in Sidney, Illinois, or in the township of the same name. The father, William Lehman, now an octogenarian, and an honored citizen of Sidney for more than three decades, was for many years actively engaged in building and contracting, and for a period employed more workmen than any other man in his line of business. Many enduring monuments, such as churches and fine public buildings, will perpetuate his name for years to come, and in the town records of Sidney it is shown that he was president of the board of city fathers for a long period, and aided materially in the improvement of the place. Formerly he owned valuable farm lands, and he yet controls considerable property. He was one of the foremost members of the German Lutheran church at Myerstown, Pennsylvania, and liberally contributed to the house of worship which he erected for that congregation.

Daniel M. Lehman, born in Myerstown, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1846, attended the public schools there until he was thirteen years of age. His mother had died about a year previously, and the lad determined to commence earning his own livelihood ere he was fourteen. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and was thus employed

during the rest of his youth. During the Civil war, when the rebel army had penetrated into his loved native state, Mr. Lehman enlisted in July, 1863, in Company H., Thirty-first Pennsylvania Militia, and was sent within six miles of the point where the contending forces were fighting the dreadful battle of Gettysburg, with a view of cutting off the Confederates' retreat. At the end of four months he was discharged from the home guards, and offered his services to the Union army. Becoming a private of Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he was assigned to the eastern department of the army, and was honorably discharged from the service in August, 1865, then only nineteen years old. He was chosen as one of the special guards of honor to escort the remains of our martyred Lincoln through Philadelphia to the last resting place chosen for that hero.

In 1866, Mr. Lehman went to Walton, Indiana, where, for six months, he worked as a lumberman, cutting logs for a saw-mill. He then proceeded to Urbana, Illinois, where he arrived in April, 1867, and for eighteen years he was employed as a conductor on one of the street-car lines there, being the oldest employe of the company in years of continuous service. Prior to this, however, he had operated a mill there for about two years. From Urbana he went to Champaign, and in 1892 built a residence and store at No. 709 North Neil street, Champaign, and since then has conducted a grocery. As this is the only grocery in this section of the town, he is prospering and building up a large trade. In addition to this, he is financially interested in the new sugar mill which is in process of construction, and has proven his business ability and foresight in unmistakable ways.

Mr. Lehman has been married three times. His first wife was Miss Emma Bates, daughter of Benjamin Bates, a farmer. They were married April 25, 1880. They had one son, Fred, who is now employed in Chicago. The second marriage was with Mary Falconer, by whom he had two daughters, Mabel and Grace, who live at home with their father. The third wife was Mrs. Lillie Powell. The family attend the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Lehman is a member. Fraternally, Mr. Lehman belongs to Black Eagle Post, G. A. R., and has been a delegate from that organization to the state encampment. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, Uniformed Rank, and is treasurer of the home lodge.

ARTHUR RICE, who for a quarter of a century has resided upon his present homestead, and in Champaign county, is one of the most respected citizens of Champaign county. He is a native of Wood county, West Virginia, his birth having occurred February 9, 1839. His father, Shelton Rice, came to Champaign county with his family, in 1854, and bought land and spent the rest of his life in Sadorus township. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Brown, died in Virginia in 1852, and he survived her about ten years. Of their six children, David is a farmer of Sadorus township; John died in this county in 1861, and left one child; Henry died in Cherokee county, Kansas, and left a wife; Sarah married John Rawlings, and lives in Cherokee, Kansas; and Martha is the wife of George Harrison, of Santamonica, California.



ARTHUR RICE.



MRS. ARTHUR RICE.

Until he was about fifteen years of age, Arthur Rice lived in his native place. When he came to Illinois, the journey was made by the water route to Terre Haute, Indiana, whence he came to this county by team. Here he assisted his father in making a new home, and continued to give him his time until he reached his majority. Upon commencing his independent career he rented land for several years, after which he bought eighty acres of land in Pesotum township, going into debt, however, to a large extent in order to possess the place. In the course of a few years he not only had met all payments as he had agreed to do, but had made many substantial improvements as well. Later, he added other property to his landed possessions and made a specialty of raising live stock, in which he was particularly successful. In 1892, he removed to Champaign, in order to give his son better educational advantages, and in 1897 came to his present place where he has since made his home.

The marriage of Mr. Rice and Mary A. Lee, daughter of Squire and Elizabeth A. (James) Lee, was solemnized February 26, 1863. She was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, November 23, 1843, and both of her parents also were natives of that state. In the fall of 1850 the family removed to what now is known as Douglas county, Illinois, and a few years later they settled in Pesotum township, Champaign county, where he accumulated a large and valuable amount of land. He was very active in public affairs of his vicinity, and his wife was prominent in the work of the Baptist church. He was long survived by his wife, who departed this life in August, 1896. Martha J., their eldest child, married Parker Gregory, of Labette county, Kansas. George W., James H. and Henry are enterprising farmers of Pesotum township. Noah died upon the old homestead, leaving a wife and three children. Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Adair, now a resident of Critenden township. To the union of our subject and wife four children have been born, namely; Nora E., now the wife of A. A. Armstrong, proprietor of the Broaddus stock farm, in Douglas county; Martha A., wife of G. W. Temple, connected with the Champaign Business College; and Fred L., who is at home with his parents. Ollie died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Rice uses his ballot in favor of the Prohibition party, and, while he has not been an aspirant to public offices, he has acted as one of the commissioners of highways, a member of the school board or in some other local position during most of his mature life. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Champaign. They possess the esteem of everyone, and by honest worth have earned the high position they occupy in the community.

HON. RANDOLPH C. WRIGHT, one of the best-known members of the Champaign county bar, is now living practically retired, in Homer, which pleasant village has been his place of abode for many years. The history of his life is extremely interesting, in detail, as the struggles and triumphs of a self-made pioneer lawyer are shown forth, and as nearly all of his career has been intimately identified with that of Champaign county. From time to time he has been honored with responsible official positions by his numerous friends and acquaintances, and never for a

moment did he falter in the execution of the duties and trusts thus confided to him.

He has passed the three score and ten milestone of the Psalmist, as his birth took place November 3, 1829, in Randolph county, Indiana. His paternal grandfather, John B. Wright, a native of Virginia, was one of the pioneers of Randolph county, Indiana, and of Vermilion county, Illinois. In the last mentioned county, where he arrived in the fall of 1830, he entered land from the government, and cultivated the tract until shortly before his death. In his early manhood he followed the trade of a blacksmith, but in later years he was exclusively devoted to agriculture. To himself and wife nine children were born, Jesse B., father of our subject, being the eldest. He learned the blacksmith's trade of his father, and also cultivated land, but his career was untimely ended, as he enlisted when twenty-five years old in the war with the Blackhawks, and while stationed in Rock Island, Illinois, died of cholera, then prevailing. He had married in the Hoosier state, Mary Draper, who, like himself, was a native of Ohio, and of their four children, the two younger ones, Mary J., and Sylvester, died in infancy. Eliza, who married Alvah Hubbell, now deceased, resides in Decatur, Illinois. The mother became the wife of Henry Swisher, and nine children were born of their marriage. She departed this life in 1882, when seventy-two years of age, and Mr. Swisher also is deceased.

R. C. Wright was quite young when he was brought to this state, and after his father's death, the family removed to Champaign county. Here he attended the primitive district schools of the period, but being eager to obtain better advantages, he did not rest content with this. He continued his pursuit of an education in the Randolph county, Indiana, Academy, for about two years, after which he went to the Urbana schools for some time, and to the Georgetown Seminary in Vermilion county. He then taught school in Homer for two terms, and had charge of schools in Vance township, and St. Joseph township, Vermilion county, for two terms. After his marriage, in the spring of 1853, he was occupied in farming for several years.

The energy and ability of the young man, as well as his integrity and excellent reputation, led to his being called upon to occupy public positions in his own community at an early date. He served as justice of the peace for several years and was county surveyor for twelve years, and in 1860, while still acting in the latter capacity, he was elected as sheriff of Champaign county, and served for the term of two years. His first presidential vote was cast for Winfield Scott, and since the organization of the Republican party he has been loyal to its principles. In the fall of 1870 he was elected to the legislature, where he acted as a member of the judicial committee, and on other important committees, during the long ten months' session. At the end of that time, he was so wearied with his protracted experience in the assembly that he would not permit his name to be announced for re-nomination.

The admission of R. C. Wright to the bar of Champaign county, in 1863, was preceded by an examination, so-called, which, as compared with that to which the candidates of today are subjected, was decidedly amusing. Upon a very sultry summer day, in Urbana, Mr. Wright met William N. Coler and William B. Webber on the street,

and, as he had learned that they, in company with "Uncle Billy" Somers, were to examine him, preparatory to his admission to the bar, he requested them to go with him to the office of Mr. Somers. They complied, and the young man, addressing Mr. Somers, told him he had come to be examined, and, that as he, "Uncle Billy," was the eldest one present, he might begin the questioning. That worthy gentleman replied that he knew that Mr. Wright was a d——d good lawyer, and he didn't care to bother with questions. The others on being appealed to, in turn, made substantially the same answer, and agreed that if he would make out his own certificate they would sign it.

Thus was Mr. Wright launched upon a legal career which covered a period of about thirty-five years. While his residence continued to be in Homer, he had an office in Urbana, also, and his practice was not confined to this county, but embraced Vermilion, Ford, Douglas, and other neighboring counties. In the autumn of 1884 he was elected to the office of states attorney, and served acceptably to all concerned for the term of four years. Later he opened an office in Danville, conducting a large amount of legal business in that locality, yet paying due attention to all of his other clients elsewhere. During the past year he has been practically retired, his long and arduous service, both as a professional and public man, justly entitling him to rest. With all of the varied demands upon his time and sympathy, he has not neglected the special duties which devolve upon the citizens of a community, and as a member of the town board of Homer, he has loyally aided in the progress and maintenance of his home village.

The first marriage of Mr. Wright took place May 18, 1853, the lady of his choice being Jane E. Moore, a native of New York state, and daughter of Enoch Moore, who came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Vermilion county. A tailor by trade, he followed that calling in Indiana for a number of years. He had seven children, Mrs. Wright being the first born of his second union. Nine children blessed the marriage or R. C. and Jane Wright, namely: Otto, who died at the age of six months; Alice, who only lived to reach eighteen months; Freddie, who died when five years old; Bruce, who died unmarried, when in his thirty-first year; Mary, wife of Edward Beamer, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of South Dakota; Maude A., who married William Splawn, now engaged in agriculture and stock raising in Washington; Edwin R., who married Edith Blue, and now is employed by the Big Four railroad as a painter in the shops at Urbana, Illinois; Belle, widow of Wm. Sausaman, and now living in Homer; and Jesse, who, like his next older brother, is a painter by trade, and is occupied in that calling at present in the Big Four shops at Urbana. Mrs. Beamer has one child; Mrs. Splawn has five children; Edwin R., is the father of two children, and Mrs. Sausaman has three children, one of whom, Eugene, makes his home with our subject, his grandfather. Mrs. Jane Wright departed this life, June 20, 1889, after having faithfully performed the manifold duties which had fallen to her as the "home maker" for her large family, during the thirty-six years of her married life. Mr. Wright married his present wife, formerly the widow of James Thompson, and in her girlhood, Evaline C. Butler, May 25, 1890. Her father, Thomas L. Butler, was one of the honored

early settlers of Champaign county, and, in company with the father of our subject, served in the Blackhawk war. He was engaged in farming in Sidney township, this county, until within a few years of his death, which occurred at his residence in Homer, where he was living retired from the active cares to which the major portion of his life had been given. Both our subject and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, he serving as secretary of the church board. They were loved and highly esteemed by every one who knew them, and their memory is cherished in the hearts of scores of their old-time friends.

WILLIAM B. O'NEAL is one of the leading business men and influential citizens of Sadorus, one who has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare and secure the material development of his section of the county. As a business man he is enterprising, energetic and always abreast of the times, and is now meeting with well merited success, being associated with David Rice in the stock, lumber and undertaking business.

A native of Ohio, Mr. O'Neal was born near Circleville, Pickaway county, in September, 1861, and on the paternal side is of Irish descent, his ancestors having been compelled to leave their native land on account of religious persecution and seek homes on this side of the Atlantic. The parents of our subject are Marshall and Margaret (Baird) O'Neal, both of whom were born in Muskingum county, Ohio, the former in 1832, the latter in 1830. When four years old the father was taken by his parents to Davenport, Iowa, but after residing there four years, they returned to Ohio, where he grew to manhood, being educated in the schools of his native state. He followed farming there until 1871, when he sold out and moved to Piatt county, Illinois, locating on a farm near Monticello, where he made his home until 1890. Since then he has resided on a farm near Elliott, in Ford county, this state. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was a soldier of the Civil war, serving as a member of the One Hundred and Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under General Thomas, for a year and a half during the latter part of the war, and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. He also took part in the battle of Chancellorsville and numerous other engagements.

Of the eleven children born to the parents of our subject, two died in infancy. The others are as follows: Sarah E. is the wife of Samuel Bush, a farmer of Ford county; John L. is a farmer near Fort Dodge, Iowa; Charlotte, deceased, was the wife of Charles Jones, of Piatt county, Illinois; Joanna, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Bailey, living near Bondville, Scott township, Champaign county; William B., our subject, is next in order of birth; Lincoln is engaged in farming with his brother John in Iowa, both being unmarried; Charles is a resident of East Bend township, this county; and Corwin and Lemuel B. are both at home.

The primary education of William B. O'Neal was obtained in the common schools of Ohio. He was ten years of age when brought by his parents to this state, and in Piatt county he completed his education,



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at the same time aiding his father in the operation of the home farm until he attained his majority. The following year he worked as a farm hand and then went to North Dakota, where he spent nine months, but not finding a suitable location, he returned home, and the following spring went to Vernon county, Missouri, remaining there only a few months, however, when he purchased a team and made a trip overland to Kansas City and Eastern Kansas. From there he went to Nebraska, but finally returned to Illinois, concluding that this state was good enough for him, and in 1885 he began farming for himself in Piatt county.

On the 4th of February, 1889, in that county, Mr. O'Neal married Miss Florence Bond, who was born there, a daughter of Daniel S. and Mary R. (Gates) Bond. Her father is now deceased, but her mother, a native of Vermont, is still living and makes her home in Monticello. She has eight children living, namely: Edward; Albert, a resident of Ivesdale, this county; Ernest, Lilla, Charles, Nellie, Lois, and Fred. After his marriage, Mr. O'Neal came to Champaign county, and rented a farm in Colfax township, where he engaged in general farming. There his son, William D., was born in 1892, but the wife and mother passed away February 19, 1895. He was again married, June 14, 1899, his second union being with Miss Mae A. Campbell, who was born in Sadorus township, this county, July, 1874. Her father, David Campbell, was a prosperous farmer of that township, but is now living retired in Champaign. He has five children, Mae A., Ashton, Daisy, Murrel and Retta.

In 1896 Mr. O'Neal left the farm and moved to Sadorus, where he worked for David Rice in the elevator for a short time, and then formed a partnership with that gentleman, purchasing a half interest in his business. They deal in lumber and carry a line of undertaker's supplies, being the only representatives of the latter business in the town, but they give special attention to stock. They are interested in breeding fine imported horses, of the Norman, Belgium and German coach breeds, and also roadsters, and in this branch of their business have met with most excellent success. They also buy and ship stock extensively, and occupy an honorable position in business circles, being upright and reliable in all their dealings. In 1899 Mr. O'Neal purchased his present home and besides his pleasant residence, he has five acres of land in the village, set out in orchards and small fruits.

Politically Mr. O'Neal is one of the prominent Republicans of his community, and served as chairman of the township committee while a resident of Colfax township. He served as president of the village board for two years, and inaugurated a reform in the management of affairs for the interest of the people. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and socially is a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 3302, of Sadorus, in which he has passed through all the chairs and is now serving as banker. He is one of the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of the town, and his pleasant, genial manner makes him friends wherever he goes.

PHILIP C. MOSIER, M. D., deceased. Almost half a century ago this honored man located in Homer, Illinois, and during this long period, which has witnessed the transformation of the wild prairie into fer-

tile and highly cultivated homesteads, he has been actively associated with the progress of Champaign county. No one in this section was considered better authority on the early and later history of this portion of the county, and his accounts of pioneer days were extremely interesting.

The Mosier family originated in Holland, but several generations have dwelt in America. Philip Mosier, the grandfather of our subject, resided in Pennsylvania, and removed to North Carolina, where his son George was born. Later they went to Indiana, and, upon arriving at maturity, the latter commenced farming in Harrison county. Subsequently he purchased land in Fountain county, Indiana, and in 1854 he came to Homer township, where he passed the remainder of his life. He entered the silent land, March 8, 1880, having survived his first wife, the mother of Philip C., some thirty-two years. She bore the maiden name of Maria Criswell, her parents being Elijah and Elizabeth Criswell. The father was born in Virginia, was married in Kentucky, and settled in Indiana at an early day. He dwelt in Floyd county, where he owned a well cultivated farm and fine fruit place, and was the most extensive grower and dealer in fruit in his locality.

George and Maria Mosier were blessed with six children, namely: Elijah, who died when in his twentieth year; Elizabeth, who died, leaving her husband, William Pickett, and their four children; Philip C.; Martha C., who married Dr. G. W. Hartman, of Fountain county, Indiana, and died, leaving two children; Nancy D., who married A. J. Castle; and Eliza J., who became the wife of G. W. Cory, of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and removed to Champaign county at an early day, her death taking place here, October 30, 1858. She left two children, and Mr. Cory is now a resident of Oklahoma. One of the most dreadful things which ever occurred in the history of the Mosier family was the murder of Nancy D. and A. J. Castle, who, soon after their marriage, started for the west in a wagon, with the intention of founding their new home in Boone county, Iowa. On the journey, which was undertaken in 1856, the young couple were killed by border ruffians, and their bodies were concealed under some corn shocks in a field near Montezuma, Iowa.

Dr. Philip C. Mosier was born December 31, 1827, in Harrison county, Indiana, and in his boyhood attended the primary log cabin subscription schools of the period. At eighteen years of age he taught school in Fountain county for three months, and when twenty he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. W. C. Turner, of Jacksonville, Indiana. He then continued his medical work under the tutelage of Drs. McNutt and Mackey, of Annapolis, Indiana, and for two terms was a student in an excellent school conducted by the society of Friends, at Bloomingdale, same state.

Upon engaging in practice, Dr. Mosier was located in Milford and Newtown, Indiana, for about two years, after which he bought some property in Homer, Illinois. Here he arrived with his bride of a few days, April 15, 1851, and here he made his home ever since. He was engaged in practice in the village for six years, after which he was obliged to retire for a year, on account of poor health. Again resuming his accustomed labors, he ministered to the needs of the sick and suffering until 1862, when he found it necessary to withdraw from active practice. In the meantime, he had purchased a farm of four hundred acres in

this township, and this place he leased until 1871, when he began its cultivation himself. He had planted large peach and apple orchards, and made many other material improvements as the years rolled by, developing his homestead into one of the best in the county. In 1890, having amassed sufficient means for his remaining years, he located permanently in the town of Homer, where he was so well known and justly esteemed. By industry and good business ability, he made a snug fortune, and was quite an extensive land owner, as, in addition to his home farm, he had eighty acres of land in Arkansas county, Arkansas; two hundred acres on the borders of beautiful Spirit Lake, Dickinson county, Iowa; a quarter section of well cultivated land in Jackson county, Minnesota; and fifty-one acres of fine land in Florida; he also had three hundred and forty-two acres in Yancy and Christian counties, Missouri, in which state he has spent several winters, and sixty acres in Coffey county, Kansas.

In all of his joys and sorrows for nearly half a century Dr. Mosier found a true helpmate in his wife, formerly Dorothy J. Burton, to whom he was married April 3, 1851. Her parents, Clement N. and Ann T. (Merriweather) Burton, were natives of Virginia, the former born in 1790, and the latter in 1811. They were married in Louisville, Kentucky, when that place comprised about a dozen log cabins, all told. The young couple moved to New Albany, Floyd county, Indiana, and conducted a grocery for two years, after which they settled in Park county, Indiana. The county had not yet been organized, and their nearest neighbor, the father of Senator Harlan, lived five miles distant. Mrs. Mosier was five years old when her parents removed to Rockville, Indiana, and there her father carried on a boot and shoe store until 1848. Later, he resided in Fountain county, Indiana, and in Butler county, Iowa. He died March 16, 1864, having survived his first wife, whose death took place December 25, 1840.

The eldest brother of Mrs. Mosier was John M., who died of typhoid fever when twenty-one years of age. William E. was killed at Clarksville, Iowa, being struck by an engine. He left a widow, formerly Martha A. Morris, and one child. Mary Ann died in infancy. Lucinda C., who died in 1884, was the wife of William Bradbury, of Taylor county, Iowa, and was the mother of eleven children. Eliza R. died in 1840, unmarried. James M., who died in 1866, had married Mary J. Guy, and had eight children. H. F. L., formerly a resident of Homer, and a captain in the Union army during the Civil war, died in 1897, leaving a widow, formerly Ellen Edwards, and four children. Lucretia C., wife of R. T. Crowell, and mother of ten children, lives at Spirit Lake, Iowa. Rachel L., of Clarksville, Iowa, is the widow of William Poisal, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and died while at home, having received his discharge a month previous to his death, and they had two children. Henry H. died at the age of nineteen years. The second wife of Mrs. Mosier's father was Mrs. Rachel (Roby) Taylor, and the three children born to them were: George H., who was killed at the battle of Pleasant Hills, Louisiana; Joseph C., who married Emma Lansing, and lives at Clarksville, Iowa; and Mary E., who with her husband, Frank L. Champlin, and one child, lives at Little Valley, New York.

Dr. Mosier and wife were not blessed with children of their own, but they played

the part of loving parents to two lads whom they adopted, and who love them as loyally as though they were their own parents. George T. Poage, who resided in the Doctor's home from the time he was nine years of age until his marriage, April 14, 1880, is a promising young business man of Homer, where he is an agent for various life, fire and lightning insurance companies. He wedded Dollie Hayes, and has two children, Thomas and Mary. Valentine Jacobus, who was sheltered in Dr. Mozier's home from his seventh to his twenty-third year, has been in the employ of C. H. Baddeley, a grocer of Champaign, for some time.

Fraternally, the Doctor was a member of Homer Lodge, No. 252, I. O. O. F., the Sons of Temperance and the Good Templars, and was a representative to the State Encampment of the Union League, at Springfield, Illinois, October 16, 1873. Since 1856 he was a stalwart Republican, and for many years held minor local offices. For ten years he was supervisor of Homer township, for several years was a justice of the peace and member of the school board, served on the court house commission, and the town board of Homer, and in innumerable ways demonstrated his patriotic zeal for the advancement of this community. He was one of the most persistent advocates of the matter of enlarging the poor farm, and, accordingly, eighty acres were added to the original tract of forty acres. This property has been increased in value by proper management, and it is generally conceded that this move was one of the best ever made by the county commissioners. In matters of faith, the Doctor was a believer in a future state of the soul, the spirit life, but did not credit the inspiration of the Bible nor its revelations.

While in California, Dr. Mosier was called to his final rest, at the home of a friend in Oakland, April 4, 1900. His remains were brought back home by his sorrowing wife, and the funeral services were conducted at her residence by the Odd Fellows of Homer, April 12, 1900.

THOMAS P. STEWART, a well-known farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Harwood township, residing on section 34, was born in Shelby county, Ohio, August 16, 1826, and remained at his birthplace until nearly thirty years of age, working on the home farm. His parents, Thomas P. and Nancy Ann (Nye) Stewart, were natives of Maryland and Ohio, respectively. By trade the father was a millwright, but he followed farming throughout the greater of his life. He died in Ohio at about the age of sixty years, and the mother afterward came to Illinois with our subject, dying at his home in 1893, at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of eight children. Elizabeth married in Shelby county, Ohio, James Lenox, and they had one child, Albert. She died in Shelby county, Ohio. Thomas P. is the subject of this sketch. Samuel, born in Ohio, moved to California, volunteered in the Union army during the Civil war, was discharged in New Mexico, and there died. Charles, born in Ohio, married Mary Shank in his native state, moved to Illinois in 1857, and lived in Edgar county. He served as a soldier in the Civil war. He is now deceased. His children are Leonidas Porter, Mrs. Annie Hunt, Mrs. Laura Brown, Lawson Lafayette and Mrs. Emma Piper. Prudence Stewart, born in Ohio, married

Fielding Lenox, in Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, and their children are John, Porte, James, William and Frank. She died in Rantoul. Mary Ann Stewart, born in Ohio, married John Owens, and they had one daughter, who died in childhood. Mrs. Owens died in Ohio. William Harrison Stewart, born in Ohio, married Ella Camera, in Logan, Edgar county, Illinois, and they have four children—Mrs. Florence Mitchell, Mrs. Lottie Belle Cook, Harry, and Mrs. Grace Adele Fullenwider. Ellen Stewart, born in Shelby county, Ohio, married John LaFollette, in Edgar county, Illinois, and their children are Wearney and Roscoe Conklin. She was for a time a teacher in the schools of Rantoul, where her death occurred. The Stewarts are of Scotch origin, the grandfather of our subject being a native of Scotland. The Nyes are of German origin, the grandparents being natives of Germany.

It was in 1857 that our subject came to this state, and after living one year in Edgar county, he located in Coles county, where the following two years were passed. He also spent four years in Douglas county and during all this time was engaged in farming. His next home was in Logan county, and from there he came to Champaign county, in 1867, locating upon the farm in Harwood township which has since been his home. It is a well improved tract of sixty acres, and in its cultivation he has met with good success.

On the 12th of April, 1851, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Day, who was born in England, February 6, 1815, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Saunders) Kingham. The father died in that country in 1828, and in 1832 the mother came with her daughter Mary to the United States. She passed away near Springfield, Ohio, in 1848, at the age of seventy-five years. In their family were the following children, all born in England, and all came to America with the exception of Joseph. (1) William, born October 9, 1797, died in October, 1850. He married Elizabeth Cooper, and had three daughters, Sarah, wife of John Markley; Maria, wife of Joseph Foster, and Harriet, wife of Isaiah Wilson, all of whom came to this country with their grandmother in 1832. (2) Esther, born June 29, 1799, died in December, 1803. (3) Joseph, born December 29, 1800, married Nancy Green, of England, and died August 14, 1869. (4) John, born December 31, 1801, married Diana Goldsmith, of England, and died in 1889. (5) James, born October 31, 1803, married Lydia Ann Knight, of Ohio, and died in the northern part of that state in 1873. (6) Bernard, born November 26, 1804, died at the age of three months. (7) Elizabeth, born May 10, 1806, was married, August 26, 1841, to John Powell, and died in 1867. (8) Ann, born November 7, 1807, married Thomas Hall, of England, and died in Ohio, in June, 1878. (9) Sarah, born February 16, 1810, married William Herbert, of England, and died in Sidney, Ohio, April 24, 1899. They came to the United States in 1835, and located in Clark county, Ohio, where he engaged in blacksmithing. Six of their nine children are still living: William G., Joseph K., John J., Martha, Thirza, and Ruth, wife of Samuel Lawrence, a farmer of Harwood township, this county. (10) George, born March 16, 1811, married Emma Harwood, of England. He spent twenty-six years as a merchant in New York, but at the end of that time returned to England, where he died in 1887. (11)

Martha, born March 29, 1812, married John Crall, of Ohio, and died April 22, 1872. (12) Robert, born May 2, 1813, lives in Springfield, Ohio. (13) Mary, wife of our subject, is the youngest of the family.

Mrs. Stewart first married Lewis Day, a native of Maine, and a farmer by occupation, who died April 20, 1845, at the age of twenty-nine years, and by that union had two children: (1) Elizabeth, married Lewis Lanman, a farmer of Coles county, Illinois, and died May 20, 1867. They had four children: Frank, deceased; Cynthia, wife of John Green; Annie, wife of Ivan Lang; and William, a teacher residing in Gifford. (2) Lewis, a farmer of Benton county, Indiana, married Fannie Barton, and they have three children, William, Frank and Mary.

Six children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: (1) Martha, born in Ohio, is now the wife of William Lenox, a farmer of Fowler, Benton county, Indiana, and they have four sons. (2) George T., born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 27, 1854, was educated in the district schools of Champaign county, and remained on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age, when he went to Watertown, South Dakota, where for three years he was engaged in the photographing business and for five years was employed as a clerk. From there he went to Oregon, where he was married, October 7, 1876, to Addie Vietta Card, a daughter of William P. and Aldora (Parr) Card. Her father is a native of Michigan and a farmer of Oregon. She has one brother, Harry Philbert Card, who is engaged in the cattle business near Pendleton, Oregon. George T. Stewart is now living on the old homestead with his father. He has one child, Ethel Vietta, born February 17, 1899. (3) Adam H., born March 12, 1856, married Ella Williams, by whom he has nine children. He is now a farmer and stock raiser of Coffey county, Kansas. (4) Sarah E., born January 2, 1860, married John Beacham, a farmer of Indiana, and died December 26, 1898, leaving five children. (5) Prudence E., born November 25, 1860, was married October 30, 1883, to Robert Wood, of Harwood township, and they have five children. (6) Thomas P., the oldest of the family died in infancy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are earnest and consistent Christians, the former a member of the Methodist church, the latter of the Baptist church. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, but has never cared for office.

JOHN E. NYE. Prominent among the business men of Thomasboro is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. No one in the vicinity is better known, for there almost his entire life has been passed, and all his interests from boyhood have been closely identified with those of that locality. In his special line of business he has met with success, and by the energy and zeal which he has manifested he has won the confidence and esteem of the public.

Mr. Nye was born on the 7th of April, 1855, in Springfield township, Gallia county, Ohio, near the town of Porter. His father was Arius Nye, a native of Ohio, and a prosperous farmer, who was married April 11, 1853, to Rebecca Gardner, also a native of Ohio. In September, 1857, the family moved to Champaign county, Illinois, and located in Somer township, where the father engaged in farming on rented land until

1864, and then purchased a farm on section 10, the same township. He made that place his home until the spring of 1899, when he moved to Urbana, where he is now living at the age of sixty-nine years. His estimable wife died on the home farm January 11, 1899. They had three children, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Lewis E., born in Ohio, May 6, 1857, taught in the district schools of Somer township, this county, for nine years, and died upon his farm there April 10, 1895. He married Effie Grundendyke, of Marion county, Illinois, and they had two children: Lois, deceased; and Maurice. (3) Mary E., born in Somer township, October 2, 1863, is the wife of Spees N. Prather, who was for many years a prosperous farmer of that township, but is now living retired in Urbana. They have three children, Arius, Darley and Carlisle.

On reaching man's estate our subject engaged in farming in Somer township until March, 1891, when he moved to Thomasboro, and has since successfully engaged in stock raising, harness making and the livery business. On the 9th of December, 1879, in Somer township, was celebrated his marriage with Miss Lyda Ford, a daughter of William and Catherine (Bireley) Ford, natives of Ohio, who came to Illinois at an early date and settled in Somer township, Champaign county, where her father engaged in farming for some years. On disposing of his farm, he moved to Urbana, where he engaged in the agricultural implement business and in the importation of draft horses from England, Scotland and Belgium. He was also a large stockholder and director of the First National Bank of that city, and was serving as supervisor of Urbana township at the time of his death, which occurred December 13, 1896. His widow is still living and continues to make her home in Urbana. To our subject and his wife were born four children: Nettie E., born October 17, 1880, died in Somer township at the age of nine months and nine days; Katie M., born in Somer township, March 9, 1886, is still living; an infant unnamed died July 17, 1888; Maudie A., born in Somer township, July 29, 1890, is living.

Mr. Nye is a public-spirited citizen who takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs; keeps will informed on the questions and issues of the day; and casts his ballot with the Republican party; but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. On coming to this section Thomasboro contained only two or three buildings, and there were only four or five houses between that place and Rantoul. It was not an uncommon sight to see deer feeding with the cattle on the prairie. The land was scarcely tillable on account of the water which covered much of it, but it has been gradually redeemed by drainage and converted into rich farming land. Mr. Nye has watched with interest these changes, and has ever borne his part in the work of development and improvement.

MILTON S. PARKS. An enumeration of the men of the present generation whose lives have become an integral part of the history of this county, would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent reference to the one whose name heads this paragraph. No man has been more intimately associated with the upbuilding of Urbana or has contributed in more direct

manner to its progress along material and moral lines. The study of the life of the representative American never fails to offer much of pleasing interest and valuable instruction, developing a mastering of expedients that has brought about most wonderful results. The subject of this sketch belongs to that class and is of the type of progressive men who promote public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests. He is now extensively and successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and through his identification with the building and loan interests of this section of the state has contributed in no small degree to the substantial growth of the city in which he makes his home.

Mr. Parks was born near Columbus, Ohio, December 31, 1851, and is a son of Andrew and Sarah (Eyre) Parks. The father, who was born in 1799, was probably a native of Pennsylvania, but in his early boyhood removed to the Buckeye state where he drove a team on the pike. He remained in Ohio until the spring of 1852, when he took up his abode on a farm near Georgetown, Vermilion county, Illinois, making his home there until 1860, when he removed to the village. There he spent his last days in honorable retirement from business life, his death occurring in 1883. His wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and of German lineage, died in 18 . They attended the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Parks was a stanch Whig in his political affiliations until after the dissolution of the party, when he became a Republican. He left a family of two children by his first wife, while by the second union there were six children, three sons of the latter family still surviving.

Milton Scott Parks pursued his education in the common and high schools of Georgetown and entered upon his business career as a clerk in a dry goods store, in April, 1869, at that place. There he remained until February 7, 1876, and in the meantime gained an excellent knowledge of the methods of mercantile life. He then accepted the position of deputy in the office of the circuit clerk, in Urbana, the clerk being a warm personal friend. Faithfully discharging the duties of the position, he continued in the office until April 1, 1887, when he became manager of the abstract office of Frank Wilcox, and continued in that position for two years. On account of the close confinement which threatened to injure his eyesight, he resigned, and later began the real estate and insurance business for himself. His experience in the abstract business was of great service to him and he soon took rank among the leading representatives of the real estate business in this section of the state. By a system of judicious advertising he secured a very large patronage, and not only handled property for others, but also became the possessor of much property in his own name, continually buying and selling. He sold much of his real estate on the installment plan, thus enabling many to gain homes who otherwise could not have done so. For eleven years he has carried on a large and profitable business, and has been the owner of much farm land in Champaign county. He has recently become largely interested in real estate both in southern Illinois, where he has a half interest in two hundred and ten acres of land. He also has a half interest in thirty-two hundred acres of land in Mississippi, and is sole owner of sixteen hundred acres in the latter state. His property

there is rapidly increasing in value on account of the drainage and other improvements he is placing upon it, and in behalf of securing better drainage laws for the state he is putting forth strong efforts.

Mr. Parks is a man of resourceful business ability who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is a man of public-spirit and broad sympathy and takes delight in advancing business interests which will also contribute to the general prosperity as well as his individual success. He was the principal factor in the organization of the Urbana Home Loan Association, which was established in July, 1887, and was its first secretary and a member of the board of directors, which position he has held continuously since. He has seen the development of the business from collections of a few hundred dollars each month to a monthly collection of about five thousand dollars, and the enterprise has been the means of helping to build many homes, thus promoting the rapid growth of the city. Mr. Parks has matured seven systems to the entire satisfaction of every stockholder, so far as is known, and this has meant the handling of more than one hundred and forty thousand dollars. Mr. Parks also aided in organizing a Building and Loan Association in Clarksdale, Mississippi, conducted after the manner of the one in Urbana, and it has proved of great benefit to that community. He has also written much insurance and in that way has added materially to his income.

On the 12th of June, 1884, Mr. Parks was united in marriage to Miss Almeda V. Lindley, the eldest daughter of Dr. Mahlon Lindley, and they now have three children: Paul L., Ralph M. and Frank A. Their home is one of the most beautiful in this section of the state and is pleasantly situated on Green street, Urbana. Frescoes in oil adorn many of the ceilings, and the interior furnishings and exterior adornments indicate the cultured and refined taste of the inmates. All who pass beneath its portals enjoy a most warm-hearted hospitality and the circle of friends of the family is very extensive.

In politics Mr. Parks has always been a Republican and has served as chairman of the city central committee. He has twice been a member of the board of education and has done effective service on behalf of the schools, but has never been an office seeker, preferring to devote his time and energies to other interests. Both he and his wife are prominent and consistent members of the First Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been a member of its board of stewards for about twenty years, during which time the new house of worship was erected. He acted as one of the solicitors for funds, was chairman of the finance committee of the board of stewards for a number of years and has always taken an active part in the work of the church. He also aided in organizing another church, and in 1892 donated a building site near the university. In consideration of this fact the trustees of the Methodist society named the new organization "Park's chapel." He was elected a trustee of that church, which position he held until 1898, and was a member of the building committee. The first church was burned in 1894, and he was then made a member of the new building committee and appointed to solicit for funds for a new house of worship. He was made treasurer of the building fund as well, and saw the church dedicated free from debt, with a

small surplus in the treasury for other improvements. More recently he has been active in assisting in the organization of a mission in the east part of the city, which is conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church, and which it is hoped will grow into a self-supporting society. Mrs. Parks has been to her husband an able assistant in his work. She was a member of the first board of managers and is still in that capacity connected with the Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage. She has taken a very active and helpful interest in its conduct, looking after many details of the work. She is also prominent in home missionary work and has been treasurer of the local society for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Parks were prime movers in establishing one of the leading organizations of the Methodist Episcopal church in this part of the state, and their labors have been most effective in promoting Christian work in Champaign county. Mrs. Parks is also a member and the first president of the Tourists' Club—an organization of ladies—and also belongs to other women's clubs. Wherever Mr. and Mrs. Parks are known they are held in the highest regard, having the esteem and friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. He sustains an unassailable reputation in business circles and in private life has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindliness and geniality.

FREDERICK PELL is one of the honored pioneers of Champaign county, with whose history his own has been intimately connected for considerable more than half a century. In the agricultural world of this region he has been foremost in the race for many years, and wherever his influence could avail it has been used freely for progress and improvements. His record is singularly devoid of spot or blemish, and to his posterity he will leave an honored name—a far better heritage than wealth.

The father of Frederick Pell bore the christian name of Henry, and he was born in Virginia, June 4, 1801. His wife, the mother of our subject, Sarah (Orme) Pell, was a native of Lewis county, Kentucky, her birth having occurred June 10, 1800. Henry Pell, who was of English descent, removed with his widowed mother to Lewis county, Kentucky, where he later wedded the lady of his choice. They subsequently dwelt on the old Orme estate, buying out the interests of the other heirs, and there this worthy couple spent the remaining years of their busy, useful lives. They reared four sons and six daughters to maturity, of whom the eldest, Serena, became the wife of John Pool, and died, leaving two children; Brunetta, still a resident of Lewis county, is the widow of Dr. J. D. Secrest; Charles B. is a farmer of Kingman, Kansas; Elizabeth wedded Jackson Secrest, of Lewis county; Christopher C. is a farmer of Labette county, Kansas; George owns the old homestead in Lewis county; Axcey is the wife of James Luman, of Labette county, Kansas; Amy, unmarried, died in Kentucky; and Maria became the second wife of John Pool. She survived him and later married Amos Ree, of Lewis county.

Frederick Pell was born on the old Lewis county homestead, September 8, 1832, and in the old-time subscription schools, in session only a short time each winter, he learned the rudiments of knowledge. After working for his father until he reached his

majority, he was employed as an agriculturist in the vicinity, until the spring of 1856, when he, in company with his brother Christopher and E. A. Shaw, started for Champaign county. The latter had an uncle, Archie Hensley, living here, and the township of Hensley was named in honor of this relative. The Pell brothers rented a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, half a mile south of Urbana, and some time afterwards our subject leased a farm on section 33, managing this place for three years. In 1861, he bought eighty acres in Philo township, from the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and energetically proceeded to break the land, which was wild prairie. He continued to reside on his rented place, however, for some time. After his return from the war, he resumed his farming enterprises, and, having sold his property at a good figure, invested his means in a quarter-section of land on section 7, and here he dwelt for seventeen years, adding one hundred and twenty acres of adjoining property. In 1887 he built a commodious modern house on his farm on section 20, Urbana township. Within its hospitable walls he made his abode for ten years, and in 1898 he erected a handsome modern house in Urbana. It is fitted with a furnace and hot and cold water, and, in short, all of the accessories and comforts of a complete modern home. In addition to owning five hundred and sixty acres of splendid land in Champaign county, he owns eight hundred acres in Grand county, Kansas.

In July, 1862, Mr. Pell went forth from his home to do battle for his imperiled country. Becoming a member of Company G, Seventy-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Parks and Colonel Mack, he was assigned with his regiment to the Seventeenth Army Corps of the Army of the Tennessee. He served throughout the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Jackson, where the Union forces were outnumbered four to one, and half of his company was captured, and later, he participated in many other severe engagements. During the last months of the war, his regiment was commanded to patrol the lower Mississippi, and after Lee's surrender, as the news had not reached them, he took part in the battle of Blakeley, Alabama. His record as a soldier is one of which he may justly be proud. He never lost a day on account of illness, and there never was a time when his regiment was called into action that he was not promptly found at his post, ready to fight and die, if need be, for the Union. He was mustered out at Galveston, Texas, July 20, and honorably discharged, August 5, 1865, at Chicago.

When Mr. Pell arrived at home, he found no wife to welcome him back, for she had been summoned to the better land during his absence, on the 20th of March, 1865. It was on September 24, 1858, that he had married Martha Jones, whose birth had taken place in Brown county, Ohio, in 1830. Two of their sons grew to maturity, Charles J., who is employed in the shops of the Pullman Company at Pullman, Illinois, and James R., who manages his father's farm in Urbana township. In September, 1867, Mr. Pell was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary A. Cover, daughter of John and Rebecca Kiler and widow of John F. Cover. She died in August, 1890, and left two children, Henry N., who is living upon one of his father's farms, and Mary M., wife of Osmer G. Mosier, of Wingate, Indiana. On the 8th of February, 1893, Mr. Pell married Sarah J., daughter of Thomas and Mary

(Comber) Parkin, both natives of England. She was born in Peoria county, this state, one of six children, of whom three are deceased. A. J. resides in Peoria, and Thomas is a farmer of Philo township.

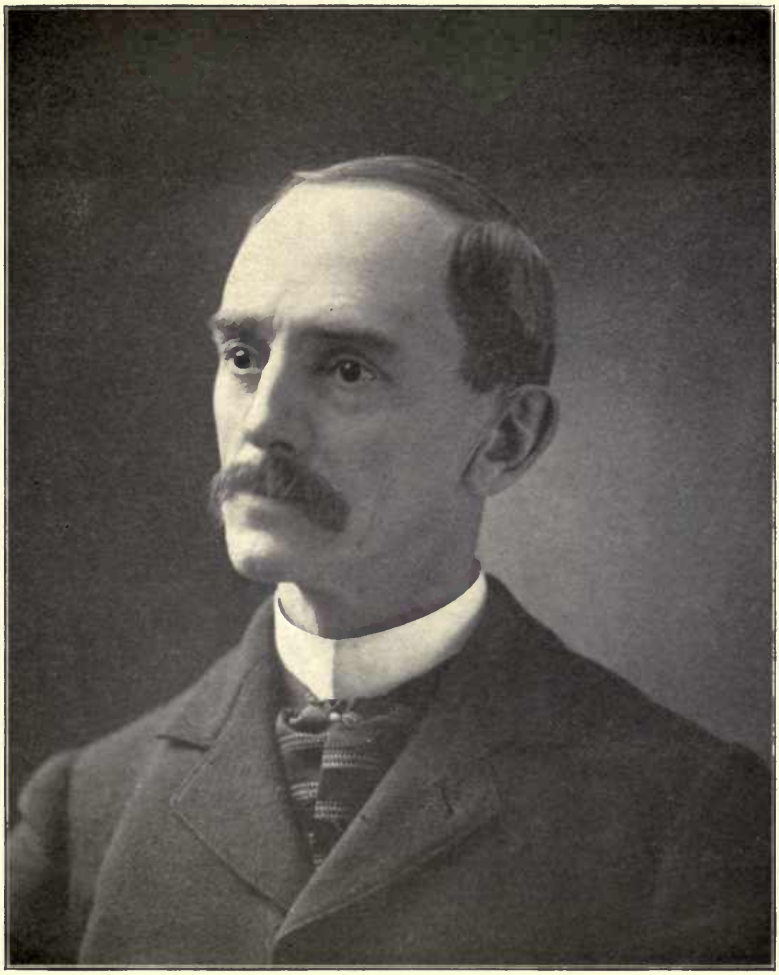
In his political views, Mr. Pell has sided with the Democratic party for years. A friend to education, he has been a member of the school board for nine years, and three years held the office of commissioner of highways. Socially, he is connected with Black Eagle Post, No. 29, G. A. R. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, and at the same time that he has labored to acquire a competence, he has sought, no less earnestly, to perform his whole duty as a citizen.

LEWIS A. McLEAN. One of the prominent representatives of the journalistic profession is the gentleman whose name heads this brief notice, the well-known editor and manager of the Champaign County Herald of Urbana. He was born May 4, 1843, in Grafton, Illinois, a small town on the Mississippi river, and is a son of Dr. John H. and Mary B. (Anderson) McLean. The father, who was of Scotch descent, died at the early age of twenty-four years, but had already given promise of being prominent in his profession. The mother, a native of Tennessee, is still living and is now one of the oldest citizens of Champaign county. On the 15th of April, 1853, the family came to Urbana, and have since been residents of this county.

Mr. McLean received a good public school education, being for two years a student in the high school at New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1862, he entered the circuit clerk's office of Champaign county as deputy and remained there for seven years, after which he served for some time as deputy United States internal revenue assessor. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits for the next eight years, and at the end of that time accepted the position of associate editor of the Champaign County Gazette, of Champaign. He resigned in October, 1882, and accepted a similar position on the Champaign County Herald, of which the late Senator M. W. Mathews was editor and proprietor, and on the death of that gentleman became editor and manager, in which capacity he has since served.

On the 12th of May, 1864, Mr. McLean was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Russell, a daughter of Dr. Elias L. Russell, for many years a prominent physician of Des Moines, Iowa. Three children have been born to them, namely: Nellie, now the wife of Dr. C. C. Lumley, of Chicago; Albert H., a machinist and air brake inspector of the Peoria division of the Big Four Railroad; and Claire F., a pharmaceutical chemist of Chicago.

Politically Mr. McLean has been an ardent Republican since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and is an active worker for his party's interests, now serving as a member of the executive committee of the county Republican committee. For many years he has been secretary of the Champaign County Old Settlers' Association, and in 1886 and 1888 was instrumental in securing the portraits and biographies of two hundred old settlers; publishing the same in the Herald and later in book form, together with a history of the county from its organization to that date, making a valuable addition to the pioneer records of the county. He has been prominently identified with the union Sun-



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day school work of the county for the past eighteen years, during which time he has served either as president, secretary or member of the executive committee. He has since 1863 been a member of the First Baptist church and for many years served as superintendent of the Sunday school and has always taken an active part in church matters, being now and for several years past a member of the Board of Trustees of said church. He joined the Masonic order in June, 1864, and was made a Knight Templar in October, 1866, and served as eminent commander for two years of Urbana Commandery, No. 16, K. T., and now is and has been for the past fourteen years (except the two years above mentioned) the prelate of said Commandery.

GEORGE L. WILLIAMSON, M. D. In reviewing the history of men who have made their mark on the period in which they flourished, it is truly wonderful to find such a large proportion whose youth was devoted to heroic struggling with adverse circumstances, and whose education was obtained only through persistent, indomitable courage and perseverance. There can be little question that all of the sturdiest traits of character are developed and strengthened by such contention, and if the mind is not allowed to become imbittered in the process, a wholesome, heartfelt sympathy with struggling humanity results, and untold good can be accomplished. The student of human nature, in tracing the career of the gentleman whose name heads this article, cannot but feel that his kindly consideration and sympathy for the suffering and afflicted has been deepened and made more practical and helpful by the trying ordeals through which he passed in his early manhood.

Dr. Williamson, now an honored physician of Homer, Champaign county, comes of a fine old Virginia family. Both paternal and maternal grandfathers were respected business men of Petersburg, that state, the former being a manufacturer of carriages there for many years, and the latter being engaged in general merchandising. The paternal grandmother of the Doctor lived to reach the extreme age of eighty-seven years.

His parents, Rev. J. E. and Samantha O. (Perkinson) Williamson, are natives of Petersburg. The father possesses an excellent education, being a graduate of Randolph College, a theological university at Macon, Georgia. During the Civil war he accepted the office of chaplain in one of the Confederate regiments, and later he was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Parksburg, for several years. In 1872 he came to the north, locating in Jacksonville, Illinois, where he preached for a number of years, then going to Viola, Illinois, and at present living in Assumption, Illinois. Three children were born to himself and wife, namely: Emma, who married W. R. Verian, and makes her home in Cincinnati, Ohio; George L., of this sketch; and James H., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Assumption, Illinois.

The birth of our subject took place during the Civil war, at Richmond, Virginia, October 2, 1862, and consequently, he was about ten years of age when his parents removed to Illinois. Much of his elementary education was acquired in the public schools of Clarinda, Iowa, and when he was eighteen years of age he entered the office of

Noble & Corboy, of Winchester, Ohio, and commenced the study of medicine. When he had been thus occupied for about a year he accompanied Dr. Noble when he he was called to attend W. W. Young, who was at the head of the civil engineering work on the Cincinnati & Eastern Railroad, and had had a sunstroke. During the two or more weeks of Mr. Young's illness, Dr. Williamson became well acquainted with him, and finally was persuaded to accept a place on the civil engineering corps, as he had not sufficient funds to enable his continuance in the course of study he had embarked upon. For two years he remained in the employ of the railroad, and, incidentally, it may be remarked, that, as he possessed a large pair of dental forceps, he extracted about two hatfulls of teeth.

In 1893 the Doctor matriculated in the Missouri Medical College, of St. Louis, and with high hopes of soon reaching the goal he had so long had in view, he finished the first year's work. But here new trouble awaited him—money which he had depended upon and had placed in the hands of friends was not forthcoming when he needed it, but he wasted no time in repining. Going to the trustees of Bellefountain cemetery, he obtained the work of drafting a survey of the grounds, and when he had finished the task received three hundred dollars.

On the 5th of August, 1884, Dr. Williamson married Mary Moffatt, a native of Clinton county, Illinois, and daughter of Joseph W. Moffatt, a farmer of that section. The young couple located in Union, Indiana, where the Doctor opened an office and began practicing. He had made a gratifying start in his professional career when a new stroke of misfortune came to him. In the next session of the state Legislature a law was enacted by which no one was entitled to practice save those possessing a diploma from a recognized medical college, or those who had, at the time of the enactment of the law, been engaged in practice two or more years. Thus our subject was excluded, and had to seek other means of providing his wife and infant child with a livelihood. Returning to St. Louis, he managed to obtain a situation as keeper of the records of the Bellefountain cemetery, and for five years he industriously economized his means in order to complete his medical education. In 1891 he resumed his long interrupted studies in the Missouri Medical College, and had the honor of ranking third in the large class which was graduated in that institution, in March, 1893. Soon afterwards he came to Homer, where he established himself in practice, and since that time he has steadily advanced in the esteem of the general public and of his professional brethren. He takes considerable interest in the improvement and prosperity of the town and vicinity, and is associated with Homer Lodge, No. 199, F. & A. M., and Homer Camp, No. 311, Modern Woodmen of America. In his political faith he is a Democrat.

The marriage of the Doctor and his estimable wife was blessed with a son and daughter: Paul, who died at the age of eight years, and Mary, who is attending the public schools of Homer.

THE TWIN CITY ICE & COLD STORAGE CO. of Champaign is one of the most progressive and enterprising business firms of that city. This company was in-

corporated in April, 1894, and is among the pioneers in the manufacture of ice and the cold storage business in the state. J. W. Wetmore is the president and G. B. Storer, secretary and manager. Their capital stock has been twice increased and is now $5,000.00. The cold storage part of their business was started in a very small way and the capacity of their plant has been increased from time to time as it became necessary, so that now they can carry about two hundred cars of perishable products.

In 1899 they erected a five-story brick building for cold storage exclusively, and it is a model of its kind. Their system of refrigeration and ventilation is under complete control. They have their own electric light plant as well as a complete system of telephone connection throughout their buildings. All the machinery is in duplicate, so that in case of an accident to one machine the other may be used in its place.

This company was selected by the United States Commission of the Paris Exposition to store the fruit from the state of Illinois, which will be on exhibition in Paris this summer. Both Mr. Wetmore and Mr. Storer were born and reared in northern Ohio, Mr. Wetmore having been educated at Adelbert College, Cleveland, and Mr. Storer at Oberlin. They are enterprising young business men, and it is only by strict attention to their business that they enjoy the degree of success which has come to them.

GEORGE KARCHER. The Karcher family is numbered among the sterling pioneer settlers of Illinois, and, possessing the best characteristics of their hardy, industrious ancestors, they not only made a financial success of their endeavors to make a competence in a strange land, but at the same time proved themselves to be honorable, patriotic citizens of the land of their adoption.

The parents of George Karcher, a prominent retired farmer of Champaign county, now residing in Tolono, were natives of Alsace, France, their birthplace being near the celebrated city of Strasburg. The father, John Karcher, was born in 1812, and the mother, whose maiden name was Salome Stoskopf, was born in 1821. After their marriage they decided to cast in their fortunes with the United States, and accordingly came to Illinois, where they purchased land in Stephenson county in 1841, and proceeded to cultivate the property, for they were farmers, coming of a race of the peaceful, independent tillers of the soil. Energy and concentration of purpose, economy and diligence, pursued through a long period, resulted in their becoming wealthy, for that day, and, in addition to owning fine farms and real estate, they had an enviable bank account. The father early espoused the principles of the Republican party, and thoroughly believed in its superiority. He was one of the leading and highly respected citizens of Ridott township for many years prior to his death, and was looked up to for advice and assistance by his neighbors and friends. Three of his eight children died when young, and those living are John W., retired, and making his home in Freeport; George; Sarah, who resides with her mother in Freeport; Louis, a well known Chicago attorney; and Henry, who is engaged in the live stock business in Pierre, South Dakota.

George Karcher was born on his father's

homestead in Ridott township, Stephenson county, July 11, 1845. In his boyhood he acquired a practical education in the district schools, and on the farm he mastered agriculture. After reaching his majority he went to Logan county, where he cultivated rented land for some time, and succeeded in making a good start on the road to prosperity. In 1870 he came to this county and bought a quarter-section of prairie land in Tolono township. Here he instituted substantial improvements and greatly increased the value of the farm in various ways until to-day it is considered one of the best in this section of the county. As he could afford it, he purchased other land, until he now owns four hundred acres, situated on sections 21, 27 and 28. After years of active and indefatigable work, he determined to retire, as he had amassed an ample competence, and since 1888 he has dwelt in a pleasant home in the village of Tolono. He leases his farms and has the income from a store in Freeport and four cottages in Tolono, all of which he owns.

March 11, 1869, was the date of the marriage of George Karcher and Jane Stewart, who was born in Dumbartonshire, Scotland, February 14, 1850, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Griffin) Stewart, natives of the land of heather. They came to Illinois in 1858, settling on a farm in Pike county, and later removed to Logan county. Thence they went to Council Grove, Kansas, where the father engaged in preaching until shortly before his death. Three of his six children died in infancy; James resides in Texas, and Elizabeth is the wife of M. Barber, of Decatur, Illinois. One son and two daughters bless the union of our subject and wife. Salome, born in Logan county, in 1869, is the wife of F. W. Busey, of Champaign, and they have one son, Earl. William H., born in this county in 1871, and now employed as clerk in a store in Champaign, is married and has one child, Eunice. Jemima, born December 7, 1872, married Edward Buckles, of Tolono, April 16, 1900.

Mr. Karcher has steadfastly adhered to a determination which he formed early in his career—that he would not officiate in public positions or accept political preferment. He is a loyal Republican and active in every enterprise calculated to benefit this community or the country at large. For years he was a teacher in the Sunday-school of the Tolono Methodist Episcopal church, and his family are zealous workers in the congregation.

A B. GLASCOCK, a prominent and influential citizen of St. Joseph, Illinois, now serving as supervisor of his township, is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Champaign county. His father, Mahlon Glascock, was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, December 28, 1815, and was of Scotch descent. His ancestors were among the early Virginian colonists. Moses and Rebecca (Bishop) Glascock, the paternal grandparents of our subject were both natives of the Old Dominion, and were among the first settlers of Ross county, Ohio, but after about one year's residence there the grandfather died aged fifty-nine years. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1875. She possessed one of those resolute, determined characters which the early pioneer days developed. Some time after the removal of the family to Ohio, she returned to Virginia alone on horseback

to attend to the settlement of her father's estate. Her horse died on the way, but she procured another and proceeded on her journey and accomplished her object.

Mahlon Glascock grew to manhood in Ohio, and in Ross county was married, in 1845, to Miss Hester A. Jester, who was born in Delaware, in 1826, and died in Champaign county, Illinois, July 20, 1858. By this union were born five sons, of whom our subject is the oldest; Albert E. was a soldier of the Civil war and died in 1865; Aquilla, also one of the boys in blue during the Rebellion, is now engaged in the implement business in Champaign; William died in 1876; and Hanson, born in March, 1855, died in July, 1859. In 1860 the father married Miss Mary Gill, who died in the year 1862, and he was again married in 1865, his third union being with Mrs. Mary Rankin, *née* Strong, widow of S. S. Rankin. By this marriage he had four children: Grant, who married Alta Swearingen, and resides on a portion of his father's estate; Jesse R., who married Myrtle Curry, and is also engaged in agricultural pursuits on a part of the home farm; Lida, who married Allen Hasty and resides on the old homestead; and Alta, wife of John V. Swearingen, a druggist and undertaker of St. Joseph, this county.

In 1850 the father removed with his family from Ross to Fayette county, Ohio, where he remained until 1854. In 1844 he first came west, walking to Cincinnati, a distance of seventy miles from his home, and there took a boat and proceeded down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Burlington, Iowa, whence he crossed the country to Mt. Pleasant, that state, with the view of selecting a location. He was well pleased with that region and decided to move west as soon as he could arrange his affairs satisfactorily, but did not find that opportunity until ten years later. In the fall of 1854 he disposed of his Ohio property, which had became quite valuable, and with about five or six thousand dollars he started west intending to go to Iowa, but on reaching Champaign county, Illinois, he was so favorably impressed with this section that he concluded to go no further, and bought five hundred and forty acres of land, principally on sections 24 and 25, St. Joseph township, which was his home the remainder of his life. He immediately commenced the cultivation and improvement of the place, and soon converted it into one of the finest farms of the locality. He carried on the farm quite successfully up to within about ten years of his death, when our subject took charge of it, operating it until 1895, when the estate was divided and is still in possession of his children. In early days when there was plenty of range, the father was quite extensively engaged in stock raising, but later in life devoted his attention principally to the raising of grain. He was an ardent admirer of Henry Clay and a stanch supporter of the Whig party until its dissolution, when he became a Republican. He cast his first presidential vote for General Harrison, and attended the celebrated rally at Columbus, Ohio, in 1840, during the log cabin and hard cider campaign, going from Bainbridge to Chillicothe by wagon and thence by canal boat to Columbus. His love for the old flag was deep and sincere, and he was a most loyal and patriotic citizen. He took quite an active and prominent part in local affairs, and in 1860 he was elected to succeed Samuel Rankin, the first supervisor elected after the organization of St. Joseph township, and so

creditably did he fill that office that he was re-elected, serving four consecutive terms. From his youth he was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and took special interest in Sunday school work. During the Civil war he contributed liberally toward the support of war measures and the families of those at the front. In private life he was charitable and generous to those whom he considered deserving, and took especial satisfaction in assisting worthy people to procure homes for themselves. He died at his home in St. Joseph township, March 21, 1892, honored and respected by all who knew him.

A. B. Glascock, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Ross county, Ohio, and was but a child when the family came to this county, traveling by wagon. His boyhood and youth were passed upon his father's farm in St. Joseph township, and his education was acquired in the district schools of the locality. On the 30th of September, 1861, although only sixteen years of age, he entered the Union army for service in the Civil war, as a member of Company E, Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and went to Camp Douglas, Chicago, December 24, and was mustered in. The regiment was ordered to Cairo, February 14, 1862, and on the 27th of that month crossed the river to Camp Cullom. On the 4th of March they went to Bertram, Missouri, and from there to Sykestown and New Madrid. They were in the engagement at Island No. 10, April 17; on the 8th pursued General Michael and captured four thousand prisoners; on the 9th returned to New Madrid, and on the 11th embarked and proceeded down the Mississippi river to Osceola, Arkansas, disembarking at Hamburg Landing on the 17th. They participated in the battles of Farmington and the siege of Corinth. On the 4th of June they advanced to a point near Baldwin, Miss., but fell back to Boonville on the 11th and encamped at Corinth, June 14. On July 20 they left Big Spring and marched to Tuscumbia, Alabama. The regiment was assigned to guard the railroad from Hillsboro to Decatur, and on the 24th of August concentrated at the latter place, and September 4 crossed the Tennessee river and moved by way of Athens, Alabama, to Nashville. November 6 they engaged in repelling the attack of Breckenridge, Morgan and Forrest. From September 11 to November 6 Nashville was cut off from communication with the north and the troops were on half rations; December 26 they moved against the enemy under General Bragg, and December 30 were in an engagement. December 31 the Fifty-first was in the thickest of the battle of Stone River and lost fifty-seven men; January 6, 1863, they moved three miles south of Murfreesboro and encamped. On the 4th of March they proceeded to Eagleville; on the 8th to Spring Hill; on the 10th reached Duck river; and on the 11th crossed that stream on pontoons. June 24th they moved down Shelbyville Pike; on the 27th they marched to Beach's Grove; July 1 entered Tullahoma; then pursued the enemy to Elk river, Winchester and Cowan, where they remained until the 9th. Ascending the mountains, they encamped on the summit, now the site of the Southern University. They took part in the battle of Chickamauga, September 19, where he received a wound and was separated from his regiment. They were also in the battle of Missionary Ridge, November 24; and on the 28th of November went to the relief of Burnside at Knoxville. They veteranized February 10, 1864, and on the 17th were

granted a veteran furlough. Returning to the front, they entered upon the Atlanta campaign, May 3; took part in the engagement at Rocky Face Ridge, on the 9th; Resaca on the 14th; the eleven days engagement at Dallas; and the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, and Peach Tree Creek, July 20. They were in the siege of Atlanta, and the skirmishes at Jonesboro and Lovejoy; the engagements at Spring Hill and Franklin; the battle of Nashville, December 15 and 16; and then pursued the enemy to Huntsville, Alabama. Later they went to Texas, and at Camp Irwin, that state, were mustered out September 25, 1865. On the 15th of October, 1865, they arrived at Camp Butler, Illinois, where they were finally paid off and discharged, after over four years of arduous and faithful service on southern battle fields. Mr. Glascock received two severe wounds which incapacitated him for active duty for some time, but he remained in the service until January 16, 1865.

Returning home, he has since been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He lived with his father and carried on the home farm until the settlement of the estate, but for the past four years has resided in the village of St. Joseph and rents his farm. He is one of the most enterprising and progressive men of the county, and his practical knowledge and good business judgment are appreciated by his associates. In 1895 he was elected supervisor, and has most ably and satisfactorily represented his township on the county board for three consecutive terms. During the erection of the new court house he was a member of the committee on grounds and buildings. Public-spirited and progressive, he is always interested in any worthy enterprise for the improvement or benefit of the community. He is charitable and benevolent almost to a fault, no worthy person or deserving cause ever seeking his assistance in vain; and in his office of supervisor the deserving applicants for public assistance have become well acquainted with this trait in his character. A man of pronounced character, he has his likes and dislikes, and has the courage of his convictions. Politically he is a zealous advocate and supporter of the Republican party and its principles; and religiously, although not a member of any organization, his sympathy is with the church of his parents—the Methodist Episcopal church—to which he contributes liberally, and was one of the foremost in building the new church of that denomination in St. Joseph. He is a Mason, a member of Ogden Lodge, No. 754, F. & A. M.; Homer Chapter, R. A. M.; Urbana Commandery, K. T.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria. He is also an honored member of St. Joseph Post, No. 220, G. A. R.

WILLIAM W. MUDGE. This well known citizen of Homer needs no introduction to the inhabitants of this locality and to the residents of Champaign county in general. By years of straightforward dealing and correct business methods he has won the confidence and esteem of every one in commercial circles, and his popularity in social and local circles is unquestioned.

Coming from fine old New England ancestry, Mr. Mudge possesses the sterling traits of character and the keen business ability for which the people of that section are celebrated. He is a son of J. T. and Mary E. (Gilman) Mudge, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of

New Hampshire. The father was a teacher in Connecticut for some years, and was married in Defiance, Ohio, where he dwelt for a number of years. In 1838 he became a pioneer of Carroll county, Indiana, there engaging in merchandising until 1869, when he located in Homer, and continued to make his home here until his death, in 1885. His widow departed this life in March, 1887, and of their four children only two survive, W. W. and E. T., who is a druggist of this place.

The nativity of W. W. Mudge occurred in Carroll county, Indiana, November 11, 1848. His common school education was supplemented by a course in the Humiston University, of Cleveland, Ohio, and after his return home he became a clerk in the general store of Robertson & Fairchild, in Pittsburg, Indiana, remaining with them six years. His next position was with C. T. Hasbrook, a dry goods merchant of Cleveland, with whom he continued for a year, then coming to Homer. Here the young man engaged in agricultural pursuits for a couple of years, after which he was in partnership with his brother, E. T., in the drug business, until 1880. That year witnessed his embarkation in another venture, the hardware business, in connection with which he carried a full line of implements, farm machinery, buggies and wagons. For twelve years he prospered in this enterpise, but on the 19th of March, 1892, his place of business was destroyed by fire, and the small amount of stock saved was sold by him to Conkey Brothers.

As early as 1877, W. W. Mudge commenced his dealings in grain, but other business interests occupied his chief attention until 1884, when, in partnership with Milmine, Bodman & Company, of Chicago, he became extensively concerned in the buying and sale of cereals. They have three headquarters in this county, one at Ogden, another at Broadlands, and the third at Homer. Here the immense corn-cribs owned by the company have a capacity of three hundred and eighty-five thousand, six hundred bushels, while those at Ogden hold one hundred and fifty thousand bushels of corn.

In everything pertaining to the good of his community, Mr. Mudge has always taken a vital interest. In 1888 the County Fair Association was organized, and he was made its president, as he was correctly judged to be the most energetic and best qualified man for that important office that could be found. The splendid success which he made of the fair is a matter of history and needs no comment aside from the high praise which he receives upon every hand. Suffice it to say here, that he spared himself no effort and worked indefatigably, expending as much care upon it as though it had been a personal enterprise. With the exception of some four years, when he declined to serve, save as a director, he has been at the head of the association since its inception. He also has been largely responsible for the success of the Homer Building & Loan Association, of which he was the president for seven years.

Another enterprise which may be attributed to Mr. Mudge is that of the Masonic building. In order to induce the local lodge to build this structure, which was obviously needed by them, he guaranteed the rent of it and by his own persistence succeeded in convincing the more conservative members. The lower floor is occupied by the hardware store of Conkey Brothers, the Citizens' Bank and two offices, while above are the

lodge-room, forty-six by forty-eight feet in dimensions, together with a preparation room, ante-room, property room, smoking room, banquet hall and kitchen and pantry. Mr. Mudge is highly esteemed in Masonic circles, being affiliated with Homer Lodge, No. 199, F. & A. M.; Homer Chapter, No. 194, R. A. M.; Homer Council, of Homer; Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, K. T., of Danville; and Medinah Shrine, of Chicago. He is a Republican in politics, and has taken an active part in the deliberations of his party in county and state conventions for many years. Though he has not been desirous of holding public office, he has been president of the village council, and a member of the school board for years, at present being president of the last-named organization.

On the 27th of May, 1875, Mr. Mudge married Miss Miranda Head, a native of Eugene, Indiana, and daughter of Francis and Emeline (Lucas) Head, her father being the proprietor of a woolen factory. Mrs. Mudge is next to the youngest of eight children, and by her marriage she is the mother of a son and a daughter, namely: Gertrude E., a student in the Homer high school, and William F., who also is attending the town schools. Mr. and Mrs. Mudge are members of the Presbyterian church, and are liberal contributors to religious and benevolent work.

WILLIAM H. MORGAN. With perhaps one exception, this sterling citizen of Tolono has been longer engaged in business here than any one, and has contributed materially to the prosperity of the town, in whose progress he has been vitally interested for more than three decades. The character of a town or community is largely determined by the standing of its business men, and in this respect Tolono has reason to be grateful, as long as such citizens as the subject of this article are at the head of her enterprises.

He comes of some of the best families of Kentucky, his father having been the Hon. Woodson Morgan, who was born in Nicholas county, that state, in 1804, and his mother having been Elizabeth (Bruce) Morgan, also of the Blue Grass state. The father devoted his life to the management of his farms, in addition to which he dealt in live stock to some extent for several years. In his own community he was held in high esteem, looked up to and consulted in important matters. Prominent in the affairs of the Democratic party, he was elected to the Legislature of his state, where he served for two years. In the spring of 1858 he removed with his family to Champaign county, and began the cultivation of a farm in Crittenden township. The township had not yet been organized, and he it was who suggested the name. In 1882 he retired to spend the remainder of his days in quiet and rest from labor, his home being in Tolono. He passed to his reward in 1885, mourned by a large circle of friends. His first wife had died in 1853, and he afterwards married again.

William H. Morgan, who was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, December 28, 1835, is the eldest of his father's family. John, who is retired from business, is a resident of Lexington, Kentucky. Ellen, wife of Dr. J. F. Fleming, lives in Fleming county, Kentucky. George B., whose home was in Bradford, Pennsylvania, died in 1896, in Texas, whither he had gone on business. James M., who was a farmer of Adams

county, Illinois, is deceased. Anna, wife of A. Denman, of Leadville, Colorado. Monroe is a prosperous farmer of Kansas.

In the common schools of his native county, William H. Morgan received a liberal education. He became proficient in agriculture on the parental farm, and after reaching his majority settled upon a tract of eighty acres in Crittenden township, Champaign county, which place he owned and improved. He also engaged in buying and selling live stock and grain, and of late years has been the only shipper of stock from this point. He controls the major portion of the local grain trade, as well, and though he has met with some serious reverses—reverses which would have completely discouraged many a man—he has steadily persevered, and has wrested success from what was well-nigh defeat, at times. Thrice his grain elevators have been destroyed by fire, and the one he now manages stands on the site of two others which were burned to the ground. He has not been an aspirant to public office, though he has held a few local positions which his neighbors urged him to accept, and faithfully performed the duties thus devolving upon him.

In 1869 Mr. Morgan married Lucy Lowry, likewise a native of Kentucky. They have one child, a daughter, Florence W., who married M. R. Sturtevant, a successful attorney of Elmwood, Illinois. Thus our subject and wife are left alone in their pleasant home, but they have a host of sincere friends and acquaintances, both here and elsewhere.

ARTHUR R. STEWART, a most progressive and successful agriculturist, is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and ninety acres of land on section 31, Somer township, Champaign county, Illinois. His methods of farm management show scientific knowledge combined with sound, practical judgment, and the results show that "high class" farming as an occupation can be made profitable as well as pleasant.

Mr. Stewart was born in Ross county, Ohio, July 25, 1855, and is of Scotch descent. His father, S. G. Stewart, was born in New York state, in 1816, and in early life removed with his parents to Ohio, where he was reared upon a farm, obtaining a limited education in the country schools near his home. The grandfather of our subject and his sons all espoused the pro-slavery principles in politics and became connected with the "underground railroad" prior to the Civil war, assisting a colored man, who had escaped from thraldom in the slave state, to a place of safety across the border in Canada. In 1856 three of the sons, S. G., J. P. and H. C., came to Illinois, and located on adjoining farms in Champaign county. They were accompanied by their father, who died in this state at the age of sixty-eight years. S. G. Stewart, the father of our subject, operated his farm for many years. For some time he spent the winter months in Champaign and the summer season upon the farm, but finally located permanently in the city, where he died in 1888, at the age of seventy-two years. Politically he was a strong Republican and opposed to the liquor traffic. For many years he served as school director in his district and did all in his power to advance the cause of education. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist, taking an active part in all church work, and serving as deacon for many years.

At the age of twenty-three years S. G. Stewart was united in marriage with Miss Jane Evans, a native of Highland county, Ohio, who died in 1867, at the age of forty-seven years. She, too, was a consistent member of the Congregational church, and a most estimable lady. Some years after her death he married Miss Margaret Cloyd, also a member of the Congregational church. She died in November, 1875. By the first union there were ten children who grew to man and womanhood: (1) Esther is now the wife of T. Hunt, of Chicago. (2) William was one of the brave boys who was called upon to sacrifice his life on the altar of his country during the Civil war. He enlisted in Company I, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in a few skirmishes but no hard fought battles. After serving over a year, he was taken ill and sent to a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where he died at the age of twenty-two years. (3) Martha, deceased, was the wife of S. I. Burrill, now a resident of the state of Washington. (4) Lida married Frank Fillmore and moved to Monticello, Minnesota, where both died. (5) A. J. is keeping house for our subject on the old homestead in Somer township. (6) Maggie died at the age of twenty-two years. (7) Robert wedded Mary Burrill, and is engaged in farming in Oregon. (8) Emma is the wife of George H. Lyman, of Fort Smith, Arkansas. (9) Arthur R., our subject, is next in order of birth. (10) Walter N. married Carrie Burrill, and follows farming in Shelby county, Nebraska.

After attending the public schools of his county for some years Arthur R. Stewart entered the State University, where he pursued his studies for two years. On the completion of his education he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and has since carried on general farming and stock raising with marked success. For the past few years he has made a specialty of fruit growing, and now raises large quantities of various kinds of fruit for which he finds a ready market in the twin cities of Champaign and Urbana. He also gives considerable attention to the raising of poultry. He heartily endorses the principles of the Republican party, but takes no active part in political affairs aside from voting, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He served as assessor, however, for one term. Fraternally, he is a member of Twin City Tent, No. 168, K. O. T. M., and religiously is a member of the Congregational church, to which the family all belong.

F L. & C. W. DALE, editors and proprietors of the St. Joseph Record, are well known throughout eastern Illinois and western Indiana, as well as in Champaign county, and it is almost unnecessary to add that their reputation, both as journalists and as business men and public spirited citizens, is of the best. The following outline of their careers may be of interest to many of their friends here and elsewhere.

Moses Dale, the paternal grandfather of these gentlemen, was one of the earliest settlers in this county, coming here, as he did, in 1847. His former home was in the Buckeye state, but from 1847 until his death he was thoroughly identified with the development of this region. His son, Thomas, father of F. L. and C. W. Dale, was born March 19, 1834, in Ohio, and there spent thirteen years of his life. Since then he has been associated with the up-

building and progress of Champaign county, and to-day is numbered among the well-to-do and influential agriculturists of Mahomet township. Having abundant means for his declining years, he has practically retired from active labors. For many years he has been an official member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and always has liberally supported religious and charitable movements. His estimable wife, who shared his pioneer labors and was a devoted helpmate, departed this life in 1883. She bore the maiden name of Mary E. Meade, and was a daughter of John and Ann Meade, natives of New Jersey.

F. L. and C. W. Dale obtained their initial experience as newspaper publishers in Hebron, Indiana, where they published the Hebron News and Kouts (Indiana) Banner. They spent their early boyhood days amidst the healthful surroundings of country life, and early learned lessons of industry and integrity which have been the foundation of their success. For the past eleven years F. L. Dale has devoted his whole attention to his present line of business, working in various capacities in towns of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Missouri. Rising, step by step, to more important positions, he served as foreman and manager of several newspapers, thus thoroughly equipping himself for his chosen life-work. The St. Joseph Record, which was established by J. A. Noble in 1894, was turned over to the Dale Brothers in October, 1897, and under their able management has continued to prosper. The Record is a six-column paper, devoted to the progress of the county and this immediate locality. In concise manner all of the news of the day and of matters pertaining to this vicinity are given, and no space is afforded to party discussions, as the paper is strictly non-partisan. On its pages appear many keen, crisp articles and editorials, written in a distinctly humorous vein, which are highly appreciated by the public. The circulation is increasing in a gratifying degree, and there is every indication that the Record has come to stay, for it fills a void hitherto unoccupied. Conscientious efforts on the part of the proprietors to make this a first-class local journal are now meeting with just reward, and it is safe to prophesy a brilliant future, both for the paper and for the young men who stand at the head of the enterprise.

The Dale brothers are widely known for their musical talent, as well as for their journalistic ability, and for a decade they have been proficient members of a brass band. C. W. Dale has acquired special distinction during the past seven years as an instructor and leader of bands, and is considered one of the best cornet players in this section of the state. He added to his already bright laurels by the composition of what is known as the "Company M, Fourth Illinois," March and Two-step, dedicated to the brave soldier boys of that company, who saw service in Cuba, and upon the last page of the printed sheet the names of all members of the company are given. The arrangement of this march for the piano was published by the Dale Brothers in St. Joseph, in July, 1899, and the copyrighted arrangement of the same, for the use of bands, made such an immediate hit that it was promptly purchased by H. E. McMillen, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Socially, the brothers are very popular, and have hosts of friends wherever they are known. C. W. Dale is a member of the Odd Fellows' order and is identified with

the Tribe of Ben Hur, while F. L. Dale is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Tribe of Ben Hur also. They were reared in the tenets of the Republican party, and, personally, vote for the nominees and principles of that political body.

JOHN H. ALPERS, M. D., a prominent homeopathic physician of Rantoul, Champaign county, Illinois, is a native of Hanover, Germany, born June 10, 1836, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Miller) Alpers, also natives of Germany, where the father, a mason by trade, died when our subject was about fourteen years of age. In 1859 the mother came to America and located in Wyandot county, Ohio, where she had two sons and a daughter living, and where she died in 1861. Our subject has two brothers: Christ, a mason of Danville, Illinois; and Frederick, a homeopathic physician of St. Louis, Missouri; but his only sister, Elizabeth, wife of Christ Walter, a dairyman of Danville, Illinois, died in that place, leaving four children.

Dr. Alpers, of this review, was educated in the public schools of his native land and in the Gymnasium of Hanover, from which institution he was graduated, and later took a three years' course at the Medical College of Anhalt Gothen, a small province of Germany. After receiving his diploma from that college he came to the United States in 1860, and began the practice of his profession in Wyandot county, Ohio, where he remained until 1865. During that year he moved to Danville, Illinois, where he soon built up a large practice, remaining there a little over five years. He next came to Champaign county and purchased a farm in East Bend township, which he operated in connection with the practice of medicine for about four years, when he moved to the village of Rantoul, where he has since successfully engaged in practice, and is now the leading homeopathic physician of the place. He has his office in his residence on Penfield street.

On the 15th of April, 1860, Dr. Alpers was married in Hanover, Germany, to Miss Christina Klages, a native of that city, and to them were born seven children, as follows: Jennie, born in Wyandot county, Ohio, is now the wife of Henry Steffler, a dry goods merchant of Rantoul, and vice-president of the First National Bank of that place; Louisa, born in the same county, is the wife of Herbert West, president of the First National Bank of Rantoul; William, born in Vermilion county, Illinois, died at the age of two months; Louis, born in Vermilion county, married Ada Kennady, and is a farmer of Rantoul; Mary, born in the same county, is the wife of William La Fallett, a stock buyer of Rantoul; Maude C., born in this county, is clerking in Steffler's dry goods store and resides at home; Charles, born in Champaign county, died at the age of six months.

As a physician Dr. Alpers ranks among the ablest in this section of the county, and his skill and ability being widely recognized he enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is also one of the prominent and influential citizens of Rantoul, and has been called upon to serve two terms as president of the village, being elected to that office in 1893 and again in 1895. In his political views he is a Democrat, and in religious belief is a Methodist. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM A. MURPHY is one of the leading business men and politicians of Tolono, and has long been recognized as one of the loyal, progressive citizens of this place. His influence has always been cast on the side of improvement and advancement along all lines, and to his genuine ability and enthusiasm much of the prosperity of this place may be justly attributed.

He was born July 12, 1850, in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, a son of Patrick and Bridget (Lynch) Murphy, who were natives of Ireland. They emigrated to America about 1828, and at first resided in Columbia county, New York, later moving across the state line into Berkshire county, Massachusetts. The father was accidentally killed by a runaway team about 1860, but his widow survived until 1892. Three of their seven children are living at this writing, namely: Mary, widow of John Connor, of Rantoul, Illinois; William A., and James H., whose home is in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

William A. Murphy received a common-school education in his native county, and later was graduated in the Lebanon (New York) high school. In 1868 he was graduated in the Poughkeepsie Business College, and in 1870 he came to Illinois. For about a year he made his home with his married sister in Rantoul, and taught school for a few terms, also giving some time to agriculture. In the winter of 1871 he pursued a course of study at the Normal, after which he again took charge of a school, in order to obtain the means for further education. He finally completed the course he had undertaken in the Normal in the fall of 1873, and coming to Tolono taught school for nine terms, to the entire satisfaction of everyone concerned. By economy and strict attention to business, he managed to lay aside some means, and in 1880 he embarked in the grocery business in company with James Stephenson. In September of the following year he assumed the management of the entire business, and succeeded in building up an extensive and lucrative trade.

At an early day in his career, Mr. Murphy came before the public as a wide-awake politician, and strong advocate of the Democratic party. His numerous friends honored him with various local positions, and at one time or another, he has occupied about all of the township offices, with the exception of supervisor, for which he was a nominee, though not elected. In 1884 he was a candidate for county superintendent of schools. Two years later he was his party's nominee for the Legislature, before the senatorial convention, and was defeated by only one ballot. In 1897 he was nominated for the office of circuit clerk by his indefatigable Democratic friends, but, as usual, the Republicans carried the day. In the spring of 1900 he served as chairman of the Demcocratic county convention and the delegates to the congressional convention were instructed to vote for him for member of the state board of equalization. His popularity is undoubted, and his good nature in thus allowing his name to be used, even when defeat seems a foregone conclusion, is something remarkable and praiseworthy. His friends are importunate, and feel certain that his financial ability, rare judgment and devotion to the policy to which he has loyally pledged himself will, sooner or later, find fitting recognition from the public.

Since casting in his lot with the people of Tolono he has been a firm believer in the bright future of the town, and has spared no effort to promote its interests. At the

time when the matter of putting in the city water-works was being agitated here he was a member of the council, and visited other places, inspecting the systems in use. After making a thorough study of the subject, he presented plans and specifications for the plant now in working order, and after a year's delay and considerable opposition the citizens adopted his ideas, and are sincerely pleased with the result. When the Tolono Building & Loan Association was incorporated he was one of the organizers of the company, which has grown and flourished until it ranks with the leading ones of the state. Since its organization he has been one of the directors and also served as president and vice-president.

In 1879 Mr. Murphy married Miss Mary O'Brien, who was born and reared in Tolono. She was a lady of education and refinement, and when death claimed her, on the 14th of January, 1885, her loss was felt to be almost a public one in this community. She left one daughter, Mary Gertrude, who graduated in the Tolono high school in the class of 1899. She is keeping house for her father, and is very popular with young and old, and loved for her amiable disposition.

SAMUEL GRAVES, of Rantoul, Illinois, is well known as a successful educator through several years of faithful and efficient service. Although he has recently retired from the profession, his work will not be readily forgotten by the many who have been helped by him in the steep and sometimes weary path of knowledge, and his former pupils consider him one of the very best teachers ever employed in the village. He is now devoting his time and attention to the dairy business.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Delevan, Tazewell county, February 14, 1863, and is a son of Samuel and Hannah Graves. The father, who was a native of Massachusetts, spent his entire life as a teacher. On coming to Illinois in 1852, he located in Tazewell county, and for a number of years taught school at Fremont. He died November 28, 1891, and his widow now makes her home with our subject in Rantoul.

Mr. Graves, of this review, remained in Delevan until twenty-six years of age, attending the district and high schools, and later teaching in the district schools of that county for eight years. In 1888 he came to Champaign county, and accepted the position of teacher in the grammar department of the public schools of Rantoul, with which he was connected for ten years. On severing his connection with the schools in the fall of 1898, he at once turned his attention to the dairy business and farming. He owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Ludlow township, but leaves its cultivation largely to a competent man in his employ, while he devotes his energies to the dairy business.

On the 20th of June, 1895, Mr. Graves was united in marriage with Miss Isabella Thompson, daughter of T. J. Thompson, of Rantoul, and they now have two children: Samuel, born August 23, 1896; and Harold, born June 21, 1897. Religiously Mr. Graves is a member of the Methodist church, and socially belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Masonic fraternity, the Eastern Star Chapter, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all the chairs. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has been

called upon to serve as member of the village board two years, and as president of the same one year, during which time he was instrumental in having the village lighted by electricity and in making many other improvements. He is public spirited and progressive, and takes an active interest in any enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit.

HON. JAIRUS CORYDON SHELDON.

There are in every community men of great force of character and exceptional ability, who become recognized as foremost citizens, and bear a most important part in the development and progress of the locality with which they are connected. Such a man is Mr. Sheldon, of Urbana, who has been prominently identified with the interests of Champaign county for almost half a century.

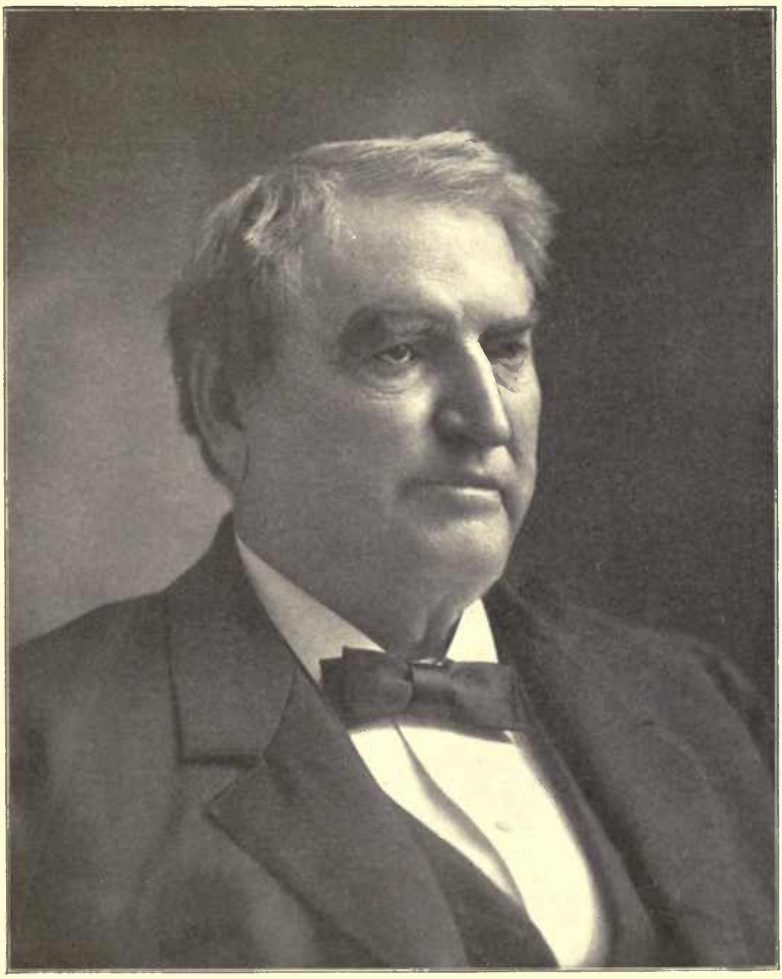
He was born in Clarence, Erie county, New York, November 2, 1827, and is a son of Corydon and Eunice (Brown) Sheldon, natives of New York and Vermont, respectively. Losing his father when only a year old, the mother was married a year later to H. W. Cunningham, and when our subject was six years of age the family removed to Huron county, Ohio, where he spent the years of his childhood upon a new forest farm, aiding in the various duties of the same. When twenty-one he apprenticed himself to the ship carpenter's trade at Huron, Ohio, and for about four years followed that occupation there and at Milan, Cleveland and Buffalo, becoming proficient in the work. Often when a craft had been completed, he shipped as one of the sailors for a season, and thus became something of a seaman.

Mr. Sheldon received such an education as the common schools of his day and locality afforded, and later spent several terms in an academy at Berea, Ohio, where he enjoyed better opportunities than he had been provided with in earlier life. In the autumn of 1852 he went to Vermillion county, Indiana, where he taught school for one year, and then, being pleased with the country, he settled in Champaign county, Illinois, which has since been his home.

In 1854 Mr. Sheldon was united in marriage with Miss Eunice M. Mead, of Clarksfield, Ohio, and by this union were born five children, but only one is now living, Nellie, wife of Rev. C. B. Taylor, presiding elder of Bloomington district. Their eldest son, C. C. Sheldon, died in 1891, at about the age of thirty-six years, greatly lamented by his fellow-citizens of every class in Urbana—the family home.

During his early residence here Mr. Sheldon began to invest in the rich lands of Champaign county, having great faith in them, when others predicted that they would never be all settled. This wise policy has resulted in his now being the owner of more than one thousand acres of land, divided into productive farms. His faith in the locality has been more than realized, while others, doubting, have failed.

Before leaving Ohio Mr. Sheldon spent about a year in the office of an attorney, studying law, a profession he had long desired to follow. After coming to Illinois, he renewed his studies in the office of Colonel Coler, one of Champaign county's pioneer lawyers, and after the requisite term and examination was admitted to practice in all of the courts of the state by a license issued by the supreme court. He followed the profession for several years in partnership with



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his preceptor, Colonel Coler, and afterward with Frank G. Jaques, also of Urbana, but in 1866 he retired, desiring to devote his time and energies to the real estate business, which he has since followed. His practice as a lawyer often brought him in contact with Abraham Lincoln, of whom he was a great admirer, and with whom he was often associated in cases.

Mr. Sheldon was reared in the Methodist Episcopal church and fully believes in its doctrines, having been a consistent member of the same for thirty-five years. He has contributed most liberally to its support and to the support of all its many benevolences in the meantime. In 1893 his church society seriously needing more and better facilities for public worship, and after months of fruitless effort in trying to raise the necessary amount to build a new church, Mr. Sheldon proposed to the trustees that he and his wife would erect the walls and put upon it the roof contemplated by the plans already adopted, leaving the balance of the work to be done by the subscription already taken, provided only that they be permitted to place within the same a tablet with the name of their deceased and much mourned son, Clarence, as a memorial of his life spent in the business circles of Urbana. The proposition was gladly and thankfully accepted by the board of trustees, and the plan was fully carried out within the next few months at an expense to Mr. Sheldon of ten thousand dollars, and greatly to the gratification of the church which has ever since enjoyed one of the neatest places of worship in the state. The following quotation is taken from the report of the secretary and treasurer of the board of trustees of the church, made at the dedication of the new church, March 25, 1894: "As to the chairman of the committee, no parent could have been more devoted to a loving child than he to his work. No day so hot, no day so cold or stormy but that he could be found on this ground in the thickest of the dust and grime, watching the placing of every stone, brick and timber from the foundation to the steeple top, from the doorsteps to the pulpit. A full year has been spent by him in this work, to him a labor of love as well as of duty. Every department, from furnace to belfry, has been scanned by his ever watchful eye. Not only has he given his undivided time and attention to this enterprise, freely, but has contributed liberally of his means and made it possible for this edifice to be erected and enjoyed by this community.

"While we recognize the fact that many others made sacrifices just as great as he, by paying their single dollars to this cause, yet the fact remains that to him more than to any other are we indebted for this beautiful temple of worship. It was he who made the undertaking possible when failure stared us in the face for the want of funds. Fortunate, indeed, were we to have one in our society possessed of means and a disposition to use them for the benefit of the Methodist church in Urbana. No towering monument, however high or costly, erected in the city of the dead, could ever speak or record the noble impulses of a generous heart as this temple does, standing in the city of the living. This society appreciates this generous act, and coming generations that will worship here in future years will rise up and bless the name of Bro. J. C. Sheldon and his noble wife."

Mr. Sheldon cast his first presidential vote for General Zachary Taylor on the day he was twenty-one years of age. He allied

himself with the Republican party upon its organization and voted for all of its candidates up to and including James G. Blaine, in 1884, but since then has acted with the Prohibition party from a high sense of duty to God and humanity. Upon that ticket he ran for Congress in 1888.

In November, 1870, at the first election after the adoption of the constitution of that year, he was chosen as a Republican member of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, from the Champaign district, Hon. R. C. Wright, of Homer, being his colleague. Soon after his election, the regent and trustees of the Illinois Industrial University, located near his home in Urbana, needing more and better buildings, began to plan for an appropriation from the Legislature for the construction of a main university building, contemplating the erection of a building two hundred and twenty-five feet by one hundred feet, and four stories in height with a basement. They also wanted a mechanical and drill hall, together with liberal appropriations for machinery and apparatus, the maximum sum running up to many thousand dollars, much more than the Legislature had ever appropriated to any state institution. The burden of securing this appropriation naturally fell upon the local member, and without any previous experience or tact in legislative matters, Mr. Sheldon bravely assumed the responsibility. He was expected to take the lead in introducing and managing the bills, and to push them to a final passage. The senate consisted of fifty members, the house of one hundred and fifty-six, making it necessary to have seventy-nine affirmative votes to pass a bill in the house. At that time the state house, the Southern Normal and the insane asylums at Elgin and Anna were being built, besides large expenditures upon other state buildings, making in all enormous sums for public institutions. In the midst of it all came the effort of Peoria, with a big following, to arrest the work upon the new state building at Springfield and remove it to the bluffs at Peoria. To stand in with all these interests in such a way as to retain the support of the members, or at least not provoke their opposition to the university bill, was a problem that required wise and constant effort on the part of Mr. Sheldon. At that time the university had but little to show when a committee from the legislature visited the institution. A three-story brick building which had been donated to the state by Champaign county, and which has since been torn down, and a two-story frame building constituted the mechanical department. There was a small board stable for the veterinary department, with a fairly good frame barn out on the farm. These compared with the magnificent group of buildings now occupied by the university were a mere nothing. The bill met with opposition from many, indifference from others and cordial support from a good number. At last, after various references, mostly for delay and amendments, the final vote was reached in April, 1871, and the bill passed by the hard and earnest work of its friends, led by Mr. Sheldon. It had passed the senate several weeks before.

Mr. Sheldon was elected to the senate in November, 1872, for a period of four years, serving through two sessions as a member of the upper branch of the General Assembly. During the first session further appropriations were made to complete the buildings before named and to make other important improvements. The total appropriations for buildings secured by Mr. Shel-

don for the university during his legislative career aggregated one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. During these sessions and the one in the house, an entire revision of the statute was made to conform to the provisions of the new constitution. In the passage of these amendments he took a prominent part, and they are still the law of the state. Throughout his life Mr. Sheldon has been actuated by noble, yet practical principles, and has been of important service to his fellow citizens through various avenues of usefulness. His career has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he has ever conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity, and his devotion to the public good is unquestioned, arising from a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow men.

JACOB R. DILLING, who is now living a retired life in the village of St. Joseph, Champaign county, Illinois, needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume, but the work would be incomplete without the record of his life. Until recently he was actively identified with the agricultural interests of the county, and he has ever borne a prominent part in its upbuilding and progress. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, and he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of his community.

Mr. Dilling was born in Greenfork, Indiana, March 20, 1852, and is a son of George Dilling, a native of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Dilling, was also a Pennsylvanian by birth, and married Susannah Hoover, of that state. About 1827 they moved to Wayne county, Indiana, of which they were pioneers, and which continued to be their home until called from this life. The grandfather was a large land owner, having three thousand acres of land in that county, and through life gave his attention to farming and stock raising. In his family were fourteen children, of whom twelve reached maturity, namely: George, the father of our subject, was the oldest; Henry, who died January 17, 1900, was a resident of Hagerstown, Indiana, and an active member of the Dunkard church, with which he was prominently identified throughout life; David came to Champaign county, Illinois, in 1852, enlisted in the Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and lost his life in the service; William died in Hagerstown, Indiana, at the age of twenty-four years; John died at the age of ten years; Daniel died in Hagerstown at the age of thirty-two.

George Dilling, the father of our subject, was ten years of age when the family removed to Indiana, where he grew to manhood and married Miss Margaret Rhodes, a native of Darmstadt, Germany, who came to this country when a child of seven years with her half brother, John H. Nagle, who was two years younger. They were orphans and were brought to the United States by friends. They were then bound out and reared in Wayne county, Indiana. When about twenty-one years of age Mr. Nagle went to Washington territory, where he took up a quarter-section of land. He kept up communications with his sister until 1864, when these ceased, and no trace of him could be found until 1893, when it was learned that he had been an inmate of an insane asylum for twenty years. The land he entered is now in the heart of Seattle and very valuable.

After his marriage George Dilling located upon land received from his father, and remained there until 1857, when with his family of seven children he came to Champaign county, Illinois. While purchasing railroad land on section 7, Somer township, he made his home until 1875, in St. Joseph township, and during that time acquired five hundred acres of valuable land, which he then sold and removed to Macon county, Illinois. There he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land and to its cultivation and improvement devoted his time and attention until his death in 1882. He was an energetic and progressive man, and in his undertakings met with well-deserved success. In connection with general farming he handled a large amount of stock. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously was a member of the German Baptist church. His widow is still living and now makes her home in Cerro Gordo, Illinois. They had eleven children, all of whom lived to maturity: Susannah, wife of John B. Roe, of McPherson county, Kansas; Mary, wife of Frank Bellows, of Marysville, Missouri; Aaron, who was a member of an Illinois regiment in the Civil war, and died at a hospital in Murfreesboro, in 1864; Sarah, deceased wife of A. W. Kirkpatrick, of St. Joseph township, this county; Maria, wife of J. L. Kuntz, of McPherson county, Kansas; Jacob B., our subject; Lydia E., wife of Frank C. Shode, of St. Joseph township, this county; John P., a resident of Macon county, Illinois; Dollie, deceased wife of William Doyle, of Marysville, Missouri; Dora, wife of James Minick, who lives on the old homestead in Macon county; and George W., who is in the real estate business in Seattle, Washington.

The subject of this sketch was a child of five years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and upon the home farm he grew to manhood, aiding in the labors of the farm during the summer season and attending the common schools of the neighborhood through the winter months. On attaining his majority his father gave him a team of horses, and informed him that the world was before him and told him to go in and win. For several years thereafter he operated rented land.

On the 5th of September, 1875, Mr. Dilling married Miss Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, who was born July 23, 1856, in Champaign, her parents, J. C. and Mary C. (Busey) Kirkpatrick, being early settlers of the county. At one time her father was the owner of the site of Champaign, and platted several additions to that city, which now bear his name. Our subject and his wife are the parents of three children: Mary, Clara and Lela.

After renting land for several years Mr. Dilling bought a tract of forty acres on section 4, St. Joseph township, which together with the one hundred and sixty acres which his wife received from her father's estate made a fine farm of two hundred acres. He successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his removal to the village of St. Joseph in 1899, carrying on stock raising as well as general farming. His present home is one of the best residences in the place, being supplied with hot water and all modern conveniences.

As a Republican Mr. Dilling takes quite an influential part in local politics, and does all in his power to advance the interests of his party and insure its success. For twelve consecutive years he has most efficiently served as township commissioner, and he cheerfully gives his support to those enter-

prises which tend to public development. Fraternally he is a charter member of St. Joseph's Camp, No. 222, M. W. A., and has wisely provided for the future by taking out policies in different life insurance companies. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and worth, is straightforward and honorable in all his dealings, and is one of the most thoroughly respected and honored citizens of St. Joseph.

HEMAN CHAFFEE, M. D. The pioneer physician has always been one of the most important factors in American civilization, and too much cannot be said in his praise. Dr. Chaffee, now one of the most venerable of the pioneers of Champaign county, has the honor of being the oldest citizen of Tolono, in years of continuous residence, and few, if any, of the members of his profession are more widely or favorably known throughout this section of the state. He takes great pleasure in reviewing the past, and in noting the great changes which have taken place, changes which have been for the better in nearly every instance. In this respect he himself deserves high credit, for in addition to attending to the duties of his profession, he set an example of progress and enterprise which was emulated by many of his neighbors.

Now in his eighty-fourth year, Dr. Chaffee was born in Rutland county, Vermont, June 18, 1816, the second son of Simeon and Fanny (Pearsons) Chaffee, natives of Massachusetts. The father was born in Rehobeth village in 1772, and departed this life in August, 1859, his wife following him to the grave in the following October. They were thrifty farmers, and passed nearly all of their married life in the Green Mountain state. Simeon Chaffee had previously been married and had nine children by that union, but all of that family have entered the silent land. Warren, his eldest child by the second marriage, died in the midst of an active career. A little daughter died in infancy, and Susan lived until 1897. Christopher is deceased, and Nathaniel died in 1864, in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was a well-known physician. He had taken a special course of instruction in Paris, France, in company with our subject, remaining abroad for about one year, and, after his return, had first located at Holly Springs, Mississippi, and later settling in Memphis.

Dr. Heman Chaffee thus left as the sole survivor of a once large family, received the usual training of country lads in his youth, and at an early day he decided to enter the medical profession. He was married in 1840, and for some time thereafter dwelt in Poultney, Vermont, later removing to Waterford, and eventually to Troy. In 1854 he was graduated in the Albany Medical College, and engaged in practice, but, wishing to further qualify himself in special branches of the healing art, he went with his brother to Paris, where he had fine opportunities for improvement. At the end of fifteen months he returned home, and in March, 1857, came to Tolono, his family following him the following May. Their's was the fourth frame house erected in the village, and as far as the eye could see there was not a tree or house in any direction on the monotonously undulating prairie. The Doctor planted the first trees and made the first sidewalk and fence in the town, and for twelve years

he was the postmaster, his own house serving as a repository for the mail until he built a small office, which then answered the double purpose. The record of the years which followed would show what it means to be a pioneer physician, riding to distant places, no matter how inclement the weather, going to the aid of suffering humanity when nearly prostrated with illness or grief over personal misfortuue, perhaps, yet always striving to carry cheer and help. Dr. Chaffee was of the highest type of the Christian physician, placing himself in the background always and considering the needs of others first, and thus he won the sincere love of all who knew him. At one time he owned half a block of land in the center of the town, and ten acres of land which he planted with fruit trees, and afterwards sold at a fair profit. In 1884 he retired from active practice, though some of his old patients continued to call upon him, feeling that they could not give him up. For one of his advanced age he is exceedingly well preserved, erect in carriage and keen and bright in his views of life.

The marriage of Dr. Chaffee and Myra A. Nobles took place in 1840. She was born in Poultney, Vermont, in 1822, while her parents were natives of New York state, where their forefathers were numbered among the pioneers. The only son of our subject, Emmett, died when six years of age. Addie, the eldest-born, is the wife of F. M. Wardall, of Tuscola, Illinois, and mother of three children, namely: Edna A., Lillian M. and Frank C. Annetta is the wife of Warren M. Hill, of Tolono, and they have three children: Nettie A., Warren W., and Clarence C., deceased. Mr. Hill has been employed in the railway postal service on the Wabash road for the past eighteen years, and his son W. W. also is a postal clerk.

Religiously, the Doctor and wife have been earnest members of the Baptist church for many years, contributing liberally of their means and time to the work of that denomination. They have a host of friends in this vicinity, to whom they have endeared themselves by innumerable acts of fraternal sympathy and consideration. Their lives have flowed along harmoniously together for almost three-score years, and, as they have faithfully and conscientiously performed their entire duty toward God and man they will surely hear the verdict some day, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

MORTIMER KILBURY, one of the progressive farmers and representative citizens of Champaign county, just inside the corporate limits of St. Joseph, on section 11, St. Joseph township, was born near Plain City, in Darby township, Madison county, Ohio, June 1, 1852, and is a son of Asa and Ruth (Clark) Kilbury. The father was born in Vermont, June 24, 1806, and died in Union county, Ohio, January 5, 1884, while the mother was born in Ohio, February 27, 1815, and died at the home of her son James in Ogden township, Champaign county, Illinois, September 20, 1885, the same minister officiating at both funerals.

During his boyhood Asa Kilbury had accompanied his parents on their removal from Vermont to Ohio, first located in Cleveland. In youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, but later gave his attention to farming and stockraising, in which occu-

pations he was extensively and successfully engaged, accumulating a fine property of six hundred acres in Madison and Union counties, Ohio. He early foresaw the great possibilities of the Illinois prairies and swamps, and at a time when most eastern people thought that the broad prairies and marshes of Champaign county would never be settled he wisely invested in some twelve hundred acres of land in Ogden and Somer townships. The subsequent development of this region proved his sound judgment and keen foresight. He was a man of sterling character and superior business ability, and was a prominent and active member of the New-light church. In his family were nine children, namely: Rachel, wife of Solomon Hill, died in 1855; Emily and Amanda died in childhood; James S. is a retired farmer and stock raiser of Champaign; Robert is a retired citizen of Plain City, Madison county, Ohio; Erastus is deceased; Mortimer, our subject, is next in order of birth; Dunbar C. is a farmer and stock raiser of Aurora county, South Dakota; and Solomon H. removed to South Dakota with his brother, and from there went to Minnesota, where he now resides.

The early life of Mortimer Kilbury was spent under the parental roof, and he received a good practical education in the district schools of his native township and the Pleasant Valley high school. He first came to Champaign county, Illinois, in February, 1873, but at the end of two months returned to Ohio, and did not locate permanently here until the spring of 1874. His brother, James S., had married and came to this county some four years previously, and with him our subject made his home until his own marriage.

On the 23rd of September, 1877, Mr. Kilbury wedded Miss Mary L. Fredrich, the second daughter of R. A. and Permelia (Allhands) Fredrich, of Vermilion county, Illinois. Mrs. Kilbury was born in Oakwood township, that county, February 11, 1857. Her father was a native of Prussia, Germany, born in the little village of Dankerode, in the Hartz mountains, August 15, 1830, and was a son of Sophus (Lipert) Fredrich, the latter the daughter of a Leipsic merchant. She was born April 8, 1800, and died in Dankerode, November 2, 1848. After her death, Sophus Fredrich, was born in Stolburg, Prussia, March 6, 1796, emigrated to the United States, and died in Prince William county, Virginia, March 30, 1851. Mrs. Kilbury's mother was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, November 6, 1835, and was left motherless at the age of four years. In 1841 she removed with her father, Andrew Allhands, to Vermilion county, Illinois, where she married R. A. Fredrich, who came to America in 1848. He departed this life October 24, 1887, but she is still living and continues to reside in Vermilion county. To them were born ten children, as follows: Julia, wife of Wilson Green, of Ogden township, Champaign township; Mary L., wife of our subject; William E., a resident of Winamac, Indiana; Sophus A., of Madaryville, Indiana; Rebecca A., wife of George Hays, of Ogden township, this county; Sarah L., who married Milton Luman, of Oakwood township, Vermilion county, and died July 28, 1887; Herman G., of Vermilion county; Florence J., wife of Howard Blue, of Vermilion county; Luna O., at home; and Richard E., who operates the home farm in Vermilion county.

After his marriage Mr. Kilbury took up his residence on the north half of section

31, Ogden township, and to the cultivation and improvement of his farm he devoted his energies for some years. When he located thereon a large portion of his property as well as other low land in the county was swampy and covered with water, and though a young man, he took a very active part in interesting the citizens and land owners in the measures which finally resulted in the passage of drainage laws, which have been the means of converting the marshes into highly cultivated and productive fields. Mr. Kilbury continued to successfully engage in farming and stock raising in Ogden township until the spring of 1885, when he left the farm and moved to St. Joseph, where for two years he carried on business as a dealer in lumber and agricultural implements. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred acres of land on section 11, St. Joseph township, to which he has since added forty acres, and is now following farming and stock raising with marked success. Within the corporate limits and near the northern boundary of the village of St. Joseph, he erected, in 1895, an elegant residence, which is heated by a furnace and equipped with all the comforts and conveniences of the modern city home. Located as it is, the inmates of this pleasant abode have all the liberties of the country and the privileges of the town.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kilbury were born six children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Asa, August 5, 1878; Edna P., September 15, 1880; Frederick E., July 18, 1885; Mabel R., March 13, 1890; Winnifred, August 18, 1891; and Jennetta Fay, February 24, 1899. All are living with the exception of Edna P., who died in infancy, June 7, 1881. The oldest son is now a student at the University of Illinois, and is interested in journalism, doing local work for the Urbana Herald.

Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Kilbury are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and since coming to St. Joseph he has been an officer of the church and one of its most active workers. Although not a politician in any sense, he has been an active worker in public affairs, and is especially interested in educational matters, having most capably and satisfactorily served as a member of the board of directors in his district, both in St. Joseph and Ogden townships. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of Ogden Lodge, F. & A. M.; Urbana Chapter, R. A. M.; Urbana Commandery, K. T.; and Mahommed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a man of recognized ability, and, with his wife, stands high in the community where they make their home. Mrs. Kilbury is a member of the Eastern Star of Ogden, and a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Those who know them best are numbered among their warmest friends, and no citizens in the county are more honored or highly respected.

WILLIAM PULLIAM, one of the honored pioneer settlers of Illinois, has witnessed vast changes here during the more than three score and ten years of his residence in the Prairie state. He is a worthy representative of the fine old southern stock of a century ago, possessing at the same time many of the sturdy traits of character which pioneer life in the west necessarily developed in men who braved its vicissitudes.

Drury Pulliam, the father of the above, was a native of Virginia, while his wife, Elizabeth (Cole) Pulliam, was born in Maryland. He was a wealthy and influential man, owning large tracts of cultivated land and operating mills in different localities. Believing in the future greatness of Illinois, he removed to Morgan county at an early day, and later engaged extensively in farming in Macoupin county. At length he retired and made his home in Waverly, where he was called to his reward. He had purchased considerable property in various parts of this state, but before his death he disposed of everything save his homestead. He was twice married, his second wife being Mrs. Maria Halliday, of Waverly. By the first union he reared eleven children to maturity, namely: Rebecca, who died in Macoupin county, in 1861; Benjamin, a former farmer of Champaign county and for the past decade a resident of Minneapolis; William; John W., deceased, who served in the Union army during the Civil war; Martha A., who died in Macoupin county; Elijah C., who served throughout the Mexican war in Wyatt's company, Buchanan's regiment, and later was in an Illinois regiment for several years, during the Civil war, being wounded at Shiloh, and died at his home in Kansas, in 1897; Mrs. Nancy Graham, formerly of Jacksonville, Illinois, and now living in Ohio; Mary E., wife of Rev. Droke, formerly a member of the Methodist Episcopal conference of this county, and now of Waverly, Illinois; Drury A., a retired farmer of Macoupin county; Sarah J., wife of George Kiplinger, a retired farmer of Macoupin county; and James, deceased. The father was prominent in the work of the Methodist church, occupying official positions, and contributing liberally of his time and means to the spreading of righteousness.

The birth of William Pulliam occurred in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, September 18, 1817, and when he was ten years of age he came with the family to Illinois. He attended the school in the first log school house erected in Jacksonville, and when he was twenty years of age he commenced working at the carpenter's trade, and for five years gave his entire attention to that calling. Then he resumed agricultural labors, and in Macoupin county purchased the first land ever owned by him. He improved this place and continued to cultivate the farm for a score of years, buying additional land as his capital accumulated.

In 1842 Mr. Pulliam and Mary J. Cole were united in marriage in Macoupin county. She was likewise a native of Kentucky, and for nearly twenty years, or until her death in 1861, she was a devoted wife and mother. The eldest son, John D., now a resident of Pensacola, Florida, has three sons, Delmar, who is married and has a son, Paul; Leon, who has one daughter, Le Mamye; and Guy. Sarah E., wife of Charles Carpenter, of this county, is the eldest daughter of our subject. She has three children, George, Mary E. and Nellie. Thomas, the second son, is a well known physician of Tuscola, Illinois. Millard, who died in Hannibal, Missouri, and formerly lived in Denver, Colorado, was married, and had one son, Albert. Dudley, who lives on his father's farm in section 14, Tolono township, has four children, Earl, Scott, Willard and Reid. Mary J., wife of Wilson Williams, now makes her home in Pensacola, Florida. By her previous marriage with Clay Miller she had three children, Clyde, Glenn and Myra. Edward, unmarried, assists his

father in the management of the homestead.

In 1863 William Pulliam married Mary E., daughter of Orrin and Phœbe (Miner) Smith, pioneers of Morgan county. Mrs. Pulliam was born in New York state in 1834, and the following year her parents joined a colony who came to this state to found new homes. She has two sisters living, namely, Caroline, widow of Charles Clark, of Waverly, Illinois, and Sarah, widow of James McCormick, of Waverly, Illinois. The latter has four children, namely: May, Orrin, Ralph and Ella. Orrin Smith departed this life in 1846, but his widow lived until 1884, and was loved and honored by all who knew her. Six children were born to the second union of Mr. Pulliam, two of the number dying, one at the age of four years and the other at the age of eighteen years. Arthur M., telegraph operator at Cheyenne, Wyoming, has a nice family, his four children being named Orrin, Lynn, Anna and Harold. Herbert G., of this township, is married and has one child, Herbert Brown. Anna is the wife of J. E. Hartleb, who is engaged In the butcher's business at Tolono, and their only child is Edward M. Ernest M., unmarried, resides with his parents.

For about two years subsequent to his second marriage, Mr. Pullman remained on the old home place in Macoupin county, and in 1865 removed to Champaign county. Here he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of partly improved land, and proceeded with characteristic energy to make a model farm. For over thirty years he made a specialty of manufacturing sorghum on the place. Later he sold a quarter-section, and at present owns one hundred and seventy-eight acres, situated on sections 14 and 23, Tolono township. Notwithstanding his advancing years, which entitled him to rest from active labors, he would not resign to younger and stronger ones the tasks he has so long and faithfully performed, until about ten years ago, since which he has been practically retired. Several winters of late years he has spent some time with his children in Florida, thus escaping the severe northern season. His life record is that of a citizen who has earnestly sought to do his whole duty toward his country, community and family, and all who have had dealings with him unite in praise of his honorable, straightforward methods. He has given his ballot to the Republican party for years, but has quietly declined the temptation of public office. Both he and his wife are sterling members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and at various times he has occupied official positions in the congregation, at present being a trustee. They have justly merited the peace and happiness which they now enjoy, and the evening-time of life brings to them few regrets and much of hope and pleasure.

JOHN W. TURNER, M. D. Among the prominent members of the medical profession of Champaign county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, now located at Homer. He is a native of Clay county, Indiana, his birth having occurred March 24, 1839. He is a son of John T. and Catherine (Shane) Turner, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. The father settled in Bowling Green, Indiana, about 1828, and engaged in the business of manufacturing buggies and wagons, also carrying on a blacksmith shop. He owned a farm but had no time to attend

to its cultivation. In 1854 he sold out and settled in Cumberland county, Illinois, where he dwelt until his death in 1860. The wife and mother lived until 1876, and of their nine children seven have passed away, namely: Almira, Andrew H., Sarah, William W., Susanna, Harvey and Catherine. Joseph H., who served throughout the Civil war in the Forty-eighth Illinois Infantry, is now sheriff of Pacific county, Washington, and has acted in this office for four terms previously. To himself and wife, Martha, eight children were born.

Dr. John W. Turner received an excellent education and made the best of his privileges, for at seventeen we find him engaged in teaching in Cumberland county, Illinois, and he continued to devote himself to that calling until 1865. His desire to see something of the great west led to his joining a party, one of the number being Judge W. E. Smith, who crossed the plains to Oregon, the trip taking about six months. From Omaha westward the party had great trouble with the Indians, and for weeks at a time some one had to act as guard while the others slept. Several times they were obliged to remain behind their barricades two or three days, and at South Pass, Dakota, where the Sioux Indians were on the war-path, the entire company to which our subject belonged narrowly escaped slaughter. They were timely rescued by some friendly miners and prospectors of the locality, but learned later, with horror, that the very night following a caravan of eight wagons, men, women and children, were massacred in South Pass. Upon arriving in Oregon, Mr. Turner resumed his former occupation of teaching, for teachers were in great demand, and for six years he was thus employed in Washington county, about seven miles from Portland. He then entered Willamette University at Salem, and, after taking a course in the sciences, took up the study of medicine, which, indeed, he had formerly made a beginning in at his old Illinois home with Dr. L. A. Smith. Immediately after his graduation, he was urged to accept a position in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at Vancouver, and for four years he was connected with that institution.

In the Centennial year, Dr. Turner came back to Illinois, and for some five years was located in Oakland, Coles county. Then selling out his practice, he removed to Fairmount, Illinois, and during the fifteen years of his stay there built up a large and remunerative business. He was one of the most popular citizens there, and served as mayor five terms, besides being chosen master of the local Masonic lodge five terms. In 1896 he gave up his practice to his partner, Dr. J. W. Wright, and came to Homer, where his reputation for skill had preceded him. He is rapidly gaining the confidence of the public, and bids fair to become the family physician of as many families as in other places where he has dwelt for any length of time. He is a member of the Champaign County Medical and the Illinois State Medical Associations.

Dr. Turner was married July 26, 1895, to Miss Celia Furguson, of Parksburg, Iowa. By a former marriage he has five children, namely: Alvah M., a traveling salesman for the Goshen Pharmaceutical Company, with his home in Rockford, Illinois; Sharon C., shipping clerk for the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, at Astoria, Oregon; Nancy C., wife of J. E. Busby, of Homer township; Mary, music teacher, living at home; and John W., who is a student in the Homer high school.

For many years Dr. Turner has taken a very active part in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, and while a resident of Fairmount not only served as a member of the official board of the church, but also acted as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a Republican, and socially is connected with Homer Lodge, No. 199, F. & A. M., and the Order of the Eastern Star.

HUBERT CHESTER, deceased, late of the Chester Transfer Line of Champaign, is descended from an old English family of Chester, England, that traced their ancestry back to the Romans, who settled in that country prior to the time of William the Conqueror. John Chester, the progenitor of the family in America, came to New England with two brothers and bought the Governor Winthrope property, but made his home in the Gore house at Groton, Connecticut, where he lived many years and which was in the family for more than seventy years. Simeon Chester, the sixth son of John, first married a Miss Bent, of Boston, and soon afterward, in company with John Starr and wife, he removed to Nova Scotia, but when the Revolutionary war broke out they returned to the United States. They were pursued by adherents of the British crown and had to secret themselves in the woods, where they were fed by their wives until they found an opportunity to escape, aided by friendly Indians who acted as guides through the forests. With their wives they made the entire distance to Groton, Connecticut, on foot. They lost all their property in Nova Scotia. Elias Chester, the second child of Simeon, moved to Franklin county, Ohio, and located on a tract of land given his father to reimburse him for his losses during the Revolutionary war. He was one of the first settlers of that locality and to the improvement and cultivation of his place he at once turned his attention. He married Hannah Vincent Freeman, and in their family was Elias Chester, the father of our subject, who spent his entire life as a farmer on the old homestead in Franklin county, Ohio, although shortly before his death he visited Champaign and made preparations to remove here. He was a man of considerable prominence in public affairs, and an influential member of the Presbyterian church. He married Anna M. Smith.

Hubert Chester was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1841, and remained on the farm until twenty years of age, acquiring a good common-school education. He then went to Columbus, Ohio, where he was employed as bookkeeper by the Columbus Transfer Company, and while there obtained his first knowledge of the transfer business. After a short time spent with that firm, he came to Champaign county, Illinois, in 1867, where his brother, Ezra E., had located two or three years previously. Here he purchased a half section of wild land from the government, and at once turned his attention to the improvement and development of his place after erecting a house there. Before leaving Ohio, he had married Miss Melvina S. Needless, of that state, and here they commenced life in true pioneer style. He continued to reside upon his farm until 1885 and converted it into one of the most attractive and desirable places of its size in the county. He took particular interest in educational affairs and held several school offices, but would not accept political positions, although he was a man of considerable

prominence in his community. In 1885 he removed to Champaign to educate his children, and the following year purchased the bus and transfer business now carried on by the estate and managed by his son H. F. At that time the business was small, but he soon built it up, carrying passengers, baggage, mail, etc. He had all the business in that line in the city, having a contract with the railroad companies, which made it impossible for others to solicit passengers, as the railroads issued tickets over his line. He successfully engaged in that business up to the time of his death, which occurred January 20, 1897. His wife died October 30, 1885, soon after the removal of the family to Champaign. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while he was reared in the Presbyterian faith. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Charles E., a prominent civil engineer now connected with the mineral survey of New Mexico; John N., chief engineer of the American Water Works Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Hubert F., our subject; Gertrude A., at home; Nell, wife of Willis A. Graves, of Ottumwa, Iowa; Will ford D., who is connected with the company manufacturing the Babcock-Wilcox boilers at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Edith and Virginia, both at home.

Hubert F. Chester began his education in the schools near his boyhood home, and completed it in the Champaign high school, from which he was graduated in 1887. His brothers graduated from the University of Illinois. After leaving school he traveled for a jewelry house for six years and a half, and was connected with other jewelry houses until his father's death in 1897, when he took charge of the transfer business and is still manager of the estate. He is a progressive, enterprising and energetic business man, and is doing quite a large and profitable business. He supports the Presbyterian church, is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is an active Republican, though not an aspirant for office.

WADE LENINGTON, an enterprising young business man of St. Joseph, is one of the native sons of Champaign county, his birth having occurred upon his father's homestead in Condit township, July 29, 1864. His grandfather, Truman Lenington, born in 1800, was one of the pioneers of Licking county, Ohio, going to that locality about 1832, and there clearing a farm in the depths of the forest. He was an upright, intelligent citizen, doing his full duty toward his family and neighbors, and death did not claim him until he had reached the ripe age of seventy-five years.

The parents of our subject are William and Lucinda J. (French) Lenington. The father was born in New Jersey, April 17, 1825, and with his parents settled in the wilds of the Buckeye state when he was a child. There he was reared to maturity and then married Julia Condit, and a few years later came to Champaign county. Locating in Condit township he has since been actively identified with its welfare and upbuilding, and from time to time was called upon to fill positions of honor and responsibility. He now lives retired in Champaign, having amassed a goodly fortune by industry and the exercise of his business ability. He still owns some five hundred acres in Condit township, and has other good investments. For many years he has been

actively connected with the work of the Presbyterian church. After the death of the wife of his youth, he married Mrs. Lucinda (French) Pierson, and four children were born to them: Ira, who died in childhood; Wade; Dr. James T., a dentist of Springfield, Illinois; and Allen S., who resides with his parents. Grant E., a son of the first marriage, is the proprietor of the hotel at Tolono, this county, and Helen M., his sister, is the wife of J. R. Trevett, of the firm of Trevett & Mattis, loan brokers and bankers of Champaign.

Wade Lenington received a good education in the public schools of his neighborhood, completing with a course of instructions at the Collegiate Institute, at Paxton, Illinois. He remained upon the homestead after attaining his majority, and was employed at a fixed salary by his father until the latter's removal to Champaign, when the young man assumed full charge of the place and managed it successfully for two years. Then, yielding to a strong desire to see something of the great west, he went to Colorado, and at Trinidad he entered into partnership with B. L. Beatty, and established a store where second-hand goods were handled and sold to miners. On the 1st of July, 1888, the store was destroyed by fire and most of the stock met the same fate. Selling out his interest in the remainder, Mr. Lenington decided to engage in agricultural pursuits, and going to Las Animas county, Colorado, he entered a quarter section of government land, and stayed there long enough to obtain a title to the property. He then entered the employ of the government, being connected with the geological survey corps of Colorado for some time.

At length, returning to his native county, Mr. Lenington accepted a position with J. Hamilton & Sons, lumber merchants of Champaign. At the expiration of six months he took a similar place with a Charleston (Illinois) firm, with which he continued for two years, later being employed by the Ft. Howard (Wisconsin) Lumber Company. In August, 1894, he purchased the St. Joseph branch of the business of J. Hamilton & Sons, of Champaign, and by strict attention to the needs of the local trade, and a genuine desire to please his customers, he has succeeded in building up a profitable business. He keeps a complete line of lumber and building material, in addition to which he has constantly in stock, paints, oil, lime and cement.

The marriage of Mr. Lenington and Marie L. Palmer took place January 28, 1895. She is a daughter of I. S. and Theresa (Smith) Palmer, the former a resident of Muncie, Indiana. Mrs. Lenington was born in New York state and was but a child when she came to Illinois. Her mother died when she was in her sixteenth year.

Since casting his lot with the residents of St. Joseph, Mr. Lenington has taken an active part in everything pertaining to its improvement. He has served the people as a member of the town board, and that he is a firm believer in the future of the place is shown from the fact that he erected a comfortable residence here, and is one of the directors of the Building, Loan & Investment Association of St. Joseph. Politically he is a Republican, while in the fraternities he has been an officer in both the Knights of Pythias and Ben Hur lodges.

L WILSON PORTERFIELD. Prominent among the energetic, enterprising and successful business men of St. Joseph is

the subject of this sketch—a well-known grain and coal dealer of that village. He is a native of Champaign and was educated in the schools of that city, completing his education by a course in civil engineering at the University of Illinois. On starting out in life for himself, he embarked in the grain business at Fairmount, Illinois, where he remained two years, and during the following year was associated in business with his brother, E. N. Porterfield, then city engineer of Kearney, and county surveyor of Buffalo county, Nebraska. Returning to Illinois, in September, 1892, he purchased the elevator and grain business at St. Joseph and has since been prominently identified with the interests of that place. Soon after locating here his elevator was destroyed by fire, but with characteristic energy he at once rebuilt, and now has a substantial elevator with a capacity of thirty-five thousand bushels and equipped with facilities for handling grain to the best advantage. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man and is meeting with well-deserved success in his undertakings. In politics he supports Republican principles, and in his social relations is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

J. B. Porterfield, the father of our subject, for many years one of the most honored and highly respected citizens of this county, was born on the 10th of August, 1826, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Samuel and Nancy Porterfield, also natives of the Keystone state. He was reared to manhood upon a farm, and was married in Worthington, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1848, to Miss Elvira H. Blaine, a daughter of John Blaine, who, in 1863, came to Champaign county, Illinois, and made his home in Sidney, where he died, February 20, 1890.

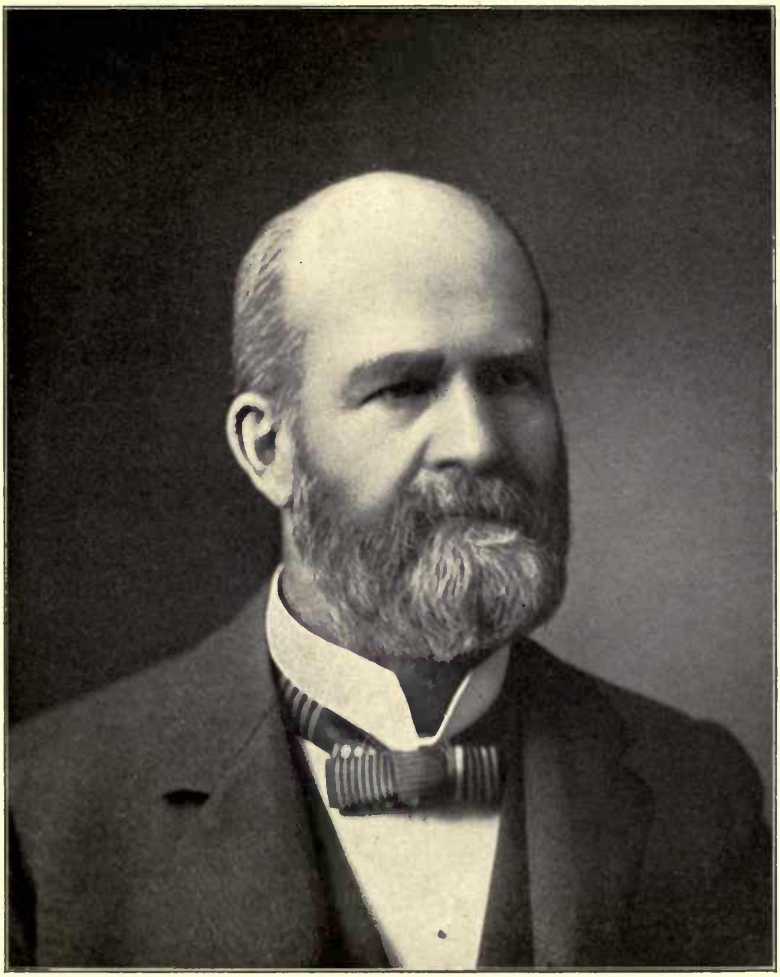
In early life J. B. Porterfield developed an inclination to engage in an occupation which would furnish a wider field for operations than farming, and soon after reaching his majority he took up railroad contracting. His first contract was on the Allegheny Valley railroad in Pennsylvania. After completing that contract he came to Illinois, and in April, 1857, located in West Urbana, now Champaign, where he made his home until his removal to the farm in 1866. As a contractor he began work on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad soon after coming to this state, and subsequently was with the Illinois Central Railroad, having for a period of eleven years, from 1857 to 1868, the contract for fence building and furnishing wood and ties for that road. In 1882 he assisted in constructing the Eureka Springs Railroad in Arkansas. In 1884 he organized the Sidney Coal Company and sunk the first shaft ever sunk in the county. He become extensively interested in farming property, owning some twelve hundred acres of valuable land in Sidney and Raymond townships, and after 1858 carried on large farming operations besides his various other enterprises. He was a man of superior executive ability and great energy, possessed of keen foresight and sound judgment, and at an early day foresaw the possibilities of this county, and wisely invested in unimproved land, and in improving it he contributed his full share toward the development of the county.

Mr. Porterfield was a man of fine physique and commanding personal appearance, and was recognized as one of the leading citizens of Champaign county. Progressive and public-spirited, his influence was always given to any public enterprise and for the development and advancement of the

county and its interests. In early life he affiliated with the Republican party, but later became independent in politics and supported by his ballot and influence such men and measures as would in his judgment be for the best interest of the whole country. During his early manhood he was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, and contributed liberally to the erection of the first church of that denomination in Champaign. He belonged to that class of broad-minded men who ignore the boundaries set by partisan prejudice and use the true dignity of American citizenship and vote as their best judgment dictates. If there were more such in this day a purer, healthier government for the people and by the people would be the result. Mr. Porterfield was in sentiment and practice a strong temperance man and would never vote for a man in any party whose influence was not for temperance and good morals. In the organization of the Farmers Association of this county, he was one of its most active promoters, and spent both time and money in the interest of the organization. He was also a prominent member of the Farmers' Association of the state, and for some time served as state purchasing agent and secretary. This was the first attempt on the part of the farmers at mutual protection and organization, and he was a most zealous worker for their interests. His last days were spent in retirement from active labor in the village of Sidney, where he passed away February 20, 1890, after a useful and well-spent life. His wife survived him some time, dying December 18, 1896. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was universally liked and respected for for her many good qualities and exemplary character.

To this worthy couple were born thirteen children, of whom three died in infancy. The others are as follows: M. F., a banker of Fairmount, Illinois; E. N., who was for several years city engineer of Kearney, Nebraska, but is now engaged in the real estate business at Kearney, Nebraska; S. Emmet, a grain dealer of Sidney, Illinois; J. Curtis, who is in the government employ as inspector at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago; L. Wilson, our subject; J. Burt, grain dealer, Sidney, Illinois; Mary B., a resident of Sidney, Illinois; Carrie, wife of C. J. Freeman, of Decatur, Illinois; Nettie M., wife of John A. Largent, an attorney of Great Falls, Montana; and Robert H., who died at the age of eighteen years at Sidney, Illinois.

THOMAS JONATHAN BURRILL. The name Burrill, or as it is more commonly spelled, Burrell, presumably originated in England, sometime after the thirteenth century, from *bur* or *burr*, the dry fruit of a plant. The spine-covered bur of the European teasel was, during several centuries, the sole tool used in combing or raising a nap on woolen goods, and the process was called burring the cloth; the operators were called burrers. It is well known that surnames like Smith, Carpenter, Brewer, etc. were first names of occupations rather than of persons, and it can scarcely be doubted that Burr, Burritt, Burwell, Burrill, and others have been similarly derived from the older terms used by makers of woolen cloth. At all events the family with which we are now concerned were very generally weavers and carried on their manufactories in the north of England from the earliest time of which any trace can be found in their history.



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Like the other north-countrymen they were a race of hardy, vigorous, strong-bodied, and strong-minded people, who paid small attention to the softer refinements of life, but who were early and resolute combatants for civil freedom, and for religious liberty. In the later generations they were artisans skilled in their crafts, citizens who supported constituted authority, and soldiers who shrunk not from service on the battlefield. They were mostly adherents of the Established church.

On the maternal side in the history now in hand, the name was Francis, and the family lived in and near Belfast, Ireland. For some generations they were Irish by nativity, though Scotch by ancestry. There is some evidence that the line runs back to the followers of William the Conqueror and that the name still preserves its connection with that of the founders of the French monarchy.

In the spring of 1818 Thomas Burrill left Penrith, England, with his five motherless children to find a home in America. The youngest of these children was John, then in his ninth year, and of him more is to be said. Passage was secured in a sailing vessel destined for New York. The voyage proved a very tempestous one and the somewhat disabled ship was driven from her course and was at length completely wrecked on rocks off Machias bay, Maine. The lives of all on board were fortunately saved by the use of a line sent to the shore of an island, but everything else was lost. The passengers found themselves among strangers with nothing whatever of material kind to help themselves. However, a hospitable home for his children was secured and the father started afoot for Boston, and by similar means subsequently reached New York, where he was afterwards joined by those whom he had left in Maine. In 1822 removal was made to Rhode Island, where the father and, after the custom of the time, the children as well found employment in the first successfully established cotton mills on the continent.

Here John, of whom mention has been made above, married, in 1828, Mary Francis, eldest daughter of Jonathan Francis, then a resident of Pawtucket. This man, distinguished locally for his remarkable physical and mental vigor, had left Mile Cross, near Belfast, Ireland, where he had been engaged in the manufacture and sale of linen goods, and, also in 1818, had started for the New World with a family of the mother and seven children. When well out at sea, smallpox broke out among the passengers, and the ship headed for the nearest port, St. Johns, New Brunswick. Here they stayed several weeks, though not in quarantine, and until the disease had run its course, when the survivors sailed away for Rhode Island.

John and Mary (Francis) Burrill became the parents of six sons and four daughters, of whom three of the latter early died, and one of the sons, the eldest, was killed in middle manhood by a team of frightened horses. The others are living (1900), widely scattered through the United States. Five of these sons—all except the special subject of this sketch—were soldiers in the Civil war, and all returned, after honorable careers, to civil life, howbeit with scars of battle, and one, Robert F., living in Urbana, Illinois, with an indelible memory of a year in Libby prison.

The family having some time previously removed to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, there occurred in that mountain-screened town,

on the 25th of April, 1839, the birth of the sixth child and third son, Thomas Jonathan, of whom we now write. Nine years afterward the parents took their flock, consisting at the time of seven living children, to a new home in Illinois. This journey was made by rail to Albany, by canal to Buffalo, by steamer around the lakes, and by teams 120 miles west of Chicago, to a sparsely settled region in Stephenson county. There two years before land for a farm had been entered from the general government. Everything was in a very primitive condition. All the people were recent arrivals. All lived in log houses. The frame structure soon erected for the Burrill family was the first of its kind for many miles around and most of the sawed stuff for this house was drawn by teams from Chicago. There was no money in circulation. Everything in trade was by barter. Almost the only cash received was for wheat delivered in Chicago, perhaps five to ten dollars as the net proceeds of thirty bushels of grain, and a trip of ten to twelve days with a team. The farmers raised their own provisions and made their own clothing, living an independent but laborious life for young and old alike. The new land had to be cleared of trees and underbrush and the tough sod was to be turned by a home-made breaking plow, ironed in the country blacksmith shop. Oxen were used as teams. All cultivated lands had to be fenced with rails, hammered out of the native timber.

Here on this farm, under these rugged conditions, subject to the privations and disadvantages as well as to the advantages of pioneer life, the lad Thomas, with the others, grew to young manhood. During about four months in winter he attended the schools organized in the neighborhood, at first by private enterprises and then by public law. He subsequently completed a course of study in the Rockford high school, and became a teacher in the country near his old home. The success of these early efforts turned his attention towards future preparation for teaching as a life employment, and in 1865 he graduated from an unusually full course in the Illinois State Normal University, near Bloomington. Here his intuitive love for the study of the things of nature was quickened into ardent activity, and it is probable that the course pursued was for him better in results than if he had followed an earlier expectation of entering a classical college, such as it was possible for him to reach.

Immediately after graduation he was made superintendent of the public schools of Urbana, Illinois. Here, besides satisfactorily performing his official duties, he continued his scientific studies and soon attracted attention for his enthusiasm and ability in these branches. In 1867 he became botanist to Powell's Rocky mountain exploring expedition, and spent the summer in Colorado. His connection with the Urbana schools continued until, on the 20th of April, 1868, he entered upon duty as assistant professor of natural science, and in charge of a department, including botany, zoology and geology, in the newly opened Illinois Industriol University, now the University of Illinois. At that time in the colleges of the country, it was customary to devote only one term to each of these subjects. Here was, at the outset, offered a year's work in each branch, and our aspiring naturalist gave instructions in them all, and from the first began the introduction of laboratory methods, though under difficulties not at once to be overcome. In

addition to the regular class instruction there were the duties devolving upon the members of the faculty of a new and developing institution, constituting often high responsiblities and laborious tasks. It has been freely acknowledged that in these early years Mr. Burrill bore his share in these extra labors. He aided the young people in the organization and management of students' societies, and served with them, as a representative of the faculty, on a committee having in charge the college paper, suggesting the name "Illini," which it has since borne; he took charge of the university library as its first librarian, and retained the position some years, and, beginning in 1870, he was for thirteen years secretary of the faculty.

In March, 1870, the trustees created the department of botany and horticulture, and appointed Professor Burrill its chief—a position he has now held for thirty years. He was corresponding secretary of the board of trustees from 1875 to 1888, and during this time edited and attended to the printing of the biennial volumes of "Transactions." When the office was constituted in the university he was made dean of the college of science and served for six years. In the meantime he became, in 1879, vice president of the university, and this position has since been continuously held by him. By virtue of this office and by special appointment, he has, at different times, been chief executive officer of the university, once nearly a year, in the absence of the president, and for three years, 1891–'94, during an interregnum in the president's office. When at length this office was filled, the trustees made a new one for the former acting-president, viz., dean of the general faculty and of the graduate school.

In addition to the above and other minor appointments, Professor Burrill has been a member of the board of directors, and horticulturist and botanist, of the agricultural experiment station since its organization in 1888.

To those who know the man it is unnecessary to say he has not sought honors or attempted to secure special recognition for service. Still such as have been bestowed unasked have been valued by him. Having planned and planted the University campus and watch the development from an open field to the gardenesque beauty it now presents, there, no doubt, was genuine satisfaction in the act of the trustees by which the central, tree-lined drive, extending north and south through the center, became Burrill avenue.

At different times academic degrees have been bestowed upon the well-known recipient, by institutions other than his own; the last was that of Doctor of Laws by the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. He is also entitled to write after his name initials indicating fellowships in American and European organizations, and in some of these he has at times served as one of the principal officers.

In his chief lines of research he is widely recognized as an authority and has the distinction of first making known the fact that bacteria are disease producers in plants, as well as in animals. The subject of parasitic fungi was also early taken up and, before anyone else in America had made much advancement in the study, some valuable reports were issued. In 1888 a United States commission was to be appointed to settle a scientific controversy concerning communicable diseases of swine. His well-known studies upon bacteria in general designated

Dr. Burrill as one of the best men in the country for the services and he was accordingly made a member of the commission, and ultimately shared in the responsibility of the report rendered.

Probably, however, nothing in the nature of a testimonial so touched the receiver as did that presented by the faculty of the University to the acting president, at the conclusion of his service as such in 1894. To show their appreciation of these services the members of the faculty caused an address to be made to him and accompanied it by a set of the volumes of the Century Dictionary, then recently issued. The occasion was one long to be remembered by all present. During the three years of his service the University had taken a very decided forward movement. The internal troubles, which had through some years disturbed its peace, had very soon subsided and new ones had not arisen; great extensions had been made to freedom in the choice of studies by students, and the whole educational policy had been much modified; the ban previously placed upon Greek-letter fraternities had been removed, much to the satisfaction of a considerable number of the students;the military department, from which many difficulties of general management had been experienced, had been reorganized and so adjusted that further trouble was unknown; the appropriations by the State Legislature had suddenly become liberal, instead of the small sums previously granted at the biennial session, and with the increased funds notable additions to the buildings and equipment had been made, and the number of teachers had rapidly increased; with all this the number of students in attendance became greatly augmented.

No man nor set of men can claim the credit for the advance thus made. The movement came from many causes combined, but among these there has been no hesitation in acknowledging the favorable contributions and influence of the acting president. The trustees and the faculty, as has been seen, each took special action, prompted by this feeling and the desire for its expression. The larger, more rapid development that has been brought about since 1894 is decidedly creditable to the new president and his colaborers, but this does not diminish the importance of the work previously done.

In private life Mr. Burrill is held in high esteem. He has been active in the discharge of the duties of a citizen and has endeavored in every way within his power to make the twin cities of Champaign and Urbana pleasant and reputable places of residence for a cultured people, and as proper homes for the ever-increasing body of students. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been known all his adult life in politics as a Republican, but as one who would scratch a ticket if he felt it necessary for the best results.

In 1868 he married Miss Sarah H. Alexander, of Seneca Falls, New York, and she now shares, with their two daughters, the home in Urbana, than which there is none other in the city better known.

CALVIN B. BUTLER. Concentration and industry rarely fail to bring success, when integrity and genuine desire to meet the wishes of the public are united with the other traits of character mentioned. No one stands higher in the estimation of the general public of Homer than

Calvin B. Butler, whose career plainly shows what may be accomplished by an intelligent, straightforward young man, desirous of success.

Several of the relatives and ancestors of Mr. Butler were soldiers in the war of the Revolution, and from that day to the present the name has been synonymous with patriotism. His grandfather, Peter H. Butler, formerly of Butler county, Ohio, came to Illinois in 1855, and was extensively engaged in farming in Vance township, Vermilion county, until his death. Only one of his five children now survives, namely: Mrs. Celia A. Linkmeyer, of Sharonville, Ohio.

James, the eldest son of Peter H. Butler, and father of our subject, was born in Oxford, Ohio, and there followed farming, as his ancestors had done. Believing himself called to the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal church, he was fitting himself for his work when the summons came to him to lay aside his earthly burdens. He died in July, 1857, scarcely two years after his arrival in Vermilion county, where he had found a new home for his wife and children. The eldest child died in infancy. Frances M. is the wife of F. M. Smith, a druggist of Homer. Mrs. Butler bore the maiden name of Mary B. Bevis, and was born in the town of Bevis, Ohio, which place was founded by her father, James A. Bevis, who, at an early date, removed from Massachusetts to Hamilton county, Ohio. For many years he conducted a hotel in Bevis, and, besides, carried on a farm in the vicinity. Mrs. Butler was one of six children, three of whom were daughters. After the death of James Butler, she became the wife of Henry Ervin, and they make their home in this place. Two of their seven children are deceased, and those living are named, respectively: Flora E., James Wilbur, Nettie M., Jessie C. and Nora B.

Calvin B. Butler was born January 20, 1856, in Vermilion county, Illinois, and was an infant when his mother brought him to Homer. Here he attended school, and later went to Farmers' College, at College Hill, Ohio. Upon his return he was at once employed by Solomon Plaut as a bookkeeper and cashier in the Citizens Bank of Homer. In October, 1878, he went to Monticello, where he engaged in the market business for a year or so, and in May, 1879, he returned to Homer and became deputy postmaster, a position he held acceptably for six years. He also held the agency for the Pacific Express Company, and in April, 1885, he became messenger for that company, between Chicago and Forest, on the Wabash railroad. He then was made agent at the last-named place, but returned to Homer in 1885, and on the 26th of August entered the employ of W. W. Mudge, with whom he remained exactly six years, commencing at noon on the 26th of August and quitting at noon on the 26th of August. In the summer of 1891 he decided to embark in business for himself, and made arrangements with the Homer lodge of Odd Fellows to erect a building, in which he might have suitable quarters for a hardware store. Buying out the stock of C. J. Tinkham, he took possession of his new belongings on the 26th of August, 1891, commencing to invoice the stock immediately after dinner. After renting a store-room for six years, he bought his present block, which is commodious and in every way fitted for his business, now grown to large proportions. He not only carries a fine line of hardware, but all kinds of farm machinery, bicycles, buggies and wagons.

In addition to managing his regular business with energy and enterprise, Mr. Butler is local agent for the Home Insurance Company of New York, and for the Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company; the Insurance Company of North America, of Erie, Pennsylvania; the Hartford Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and the New York Underwriters Association, of New York city. He is a stockholder and director of the Homer Fair Association, has served on the town board, and is a stanch Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to Homer Lodge, No. 199, F. & A. M.; and Homer Chapter, No. 94, R. A. M., being secretary of the last named. He is also connected with Homer Lodge, No. 252, I. O. O. F.

The marriage of Mr. Butler and Venora L. Whitlock, daughter of Stephen H. and Jane (Horton) Whitlock, natives of Ohio, was solemnized September 8, 1880. In early life Mr. Whitlock was a carpenter, but about thirty years ago he entered the ministry, and at present is the presiding elder of the Mattoon district of the Methodist Episcopal church. His four children, Venora, Ward B., Mabel R. and Muriel M., are all living. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with four children: Drew W., born November 14, 1881, died in February, 1882. Mary M., born Janaury 17, 1884, is a student in the high school. Roxy J., born January 1, 1886, and Laura B., born January 25, 1888, are also attending the Homer schools. That Mr. Butler is greatly interested in the matter of educating the young has been shown by serving as a member of the school board six years. With his family, he is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN DRESBACK. St. Joseph, Champaign county, has many thoroughly patriotic and enterprising citizens, none more so than the gentleman of whom the following lines are penned. He has done everything within his power to promote local interests, and by the judicious expenditure of time, energy and means, has accomplished much for the town with which he has been identified for several decades.

Mr. Dresback is of German extraction, and his paternal grandfather, Jacob Dresback, was born in Pennsylvania and spent a portion of his life there. Our subject's parents, Jacob and Catherine (Hoy) Dresback, were natives of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. The father removed to the Buckeye state in early manhood and was married in Fairfield county. About 1830 he settled in the heavily timbered section of Logan county, Ohio, and cleared a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the forest. He was a carpenter by trade and found plenty of employment at that calling in the intervals of his farming duties. In 1853 he came to St. Joseph township and there passed the rest of his life, his death occurring in August, 1855. His wife lived until 1882, and both were placed to rest in the Patterson cemetery. They were Presbyterians in religious belief, and in political creed Mr. Dresback was a Democrat. Their three eldest children are deceased. Irvin, whose death occurred in 1851, was in his twentieth year. Ira and Olive departed this life in childhood. Elizabeth, born April 2, 1836, became the wife of I. M. Kuder, of St. Joseph, and died November 18, 1899. Sarah A., born May 22, 1837, and widow of Isaac Brown, resides in Arlington, Oklahoma. Amanda C., born May 25, 1838, is the widow of Reuben C. Koch, and her

home is in St. Joseph township. Mary, born February 29, 1844, died in January, 1856.

The birth of John Dresback took place in Logan county, February 15, 1843. He was a boy of ten years at the time that the family came to this township, and was soon bereft of his father. Being the only son left to his widowed mother the cares of the family early devolved upon him, and he manfully performed his tasks. In the meantime he gained a fair education, and when about twenty years of age he applied for a certificate to teach, and for several years he devoted the greater share of his time and attention to that line of work. In 1865 he took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in Buffalo, New York, thus qualifying himself for a commercial career.

The marriage of Mr. Dresback and Jennie Treece was solemnized at Vanlue, Ohio, December 17, 1865. She is a daughter of Cornelius and Hettie (Myers) Treece, and was born June 26, 1849, in Amanda township, Hancock county, Ohio, and was reared in Vanlue, where her father resided after retiring from active cares. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dresback. Orrin D., born October 22, 1866, married Sophia K. Geibel, and is engaged in the poultry business at Ogden, Illinois. Alfred L., born September 12, 1871, died August 20, 1872. Pearl Gertrude, born February 5, 1877, is the wife of Charles Peabody, a dealer in implements at Longview, Illinois.

For about four years after his marriage Mr. Dresback continued to engage in teaching school, and returned to St. Joseph in August, 1867. In 1869 he opened a general store in the old part of the town, and when the railroad was put through here he removed to the new village. Here he erected the building now occupied by George C. Swafford, and here he was actively engaged in business until 1878, when he sold out. Since that time he has given his attention to his present line of business, dealing extensively in poultry, game and eggs, and shipping to the city markets in large quantities. In 1893 he erected the brick building which he now occupies, and, altogether, he has built about half a dozen of the substantial residences and business blocks of this place. For many years he has been director and secretary of the St. Joseph Building, Loan & Investment Association and is one of the most enthusiastic workers in the organization. To his efforts are due many of the substantial improvements which our citizens enjoy, and he is considered one of the most public spirited citizens of the place. As great confidence is placed in his fidelity and good judgment, he has been called upon to serve in the capacity of town clerk and township commissioner, and for the past twenty-six years he has been the treasurer of the township schools. Fraternally, he is a charter member of St. Joseph Lodge, No. 222, Modern Woodmen of America, and at present holds the office of master of finance in St. Joseph Lodge, No. 222, Knight of Pythias. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, as, in 1862, he enlisted in Company K, Sixty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but on account of temporary disability he was placed upon detached duty, and was stationed on guard duty at Camp Douglas, Chicago, where he remained four months. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and at present he is officiating as steward. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party.

J. C. GARDINER, the present efficient and popular supervisor of Ogden township, and a leading merchant of the village of Ogden, has gained a wide reputation as a most capable business man, and occupies a position of no little prominence in connection with the political affairs of the county. His life demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful management, keen foresight and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one, and the opportunities with which the times surround him.

Mr. Gardiner is proud to claim Illinois as his native state, his birth occurring in Pike county, May 4, 1861. His parents are William and Phebe A. (Stanley) Gardiner. The father was born in Ireland, in 1825, and when twelve years of age came alone to America. He was married in McDonough county, Illinois, and soon afterward located in Pike county, where he purchased a small farm, which he operated until 1868, and then removed to Logan county, this state, making his home there for one year. At the end of that time he went to Piatt county, Illinois, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, and to its improvement and cultivation devoted his time and attention until 1887. During that year he sold his property in this state and moved to Adams county, Nebraska, where he purchased four hundred acres of land and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits quite extensively until recently, but is now living a retired life in Hastings, Nebraska. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and in religious belief is a Methodist, taking an active part in the work of church and Sunday school, and contributing liberally to their support.

The subject of this sketch is the fourth in order of birth in a family of twelve children, the others being James, who was accidentally killed at about the age of nineteen years; Martha, wife of C. W. Yapp, an extensive farmer of Mansfield, Illinois; Elizabeth, wife of J. O. Smothers, of Osman, Illinois; Joseph, a prominent attorney of Hastings, Nebraska; Frank, who is engaged in the mercantile business in Adams county, that state; David, who, in partnership with our subject, is engaged in merchandising in Wingate, Indiana; Fred, who died at the age of eighteen years; Harry, who is connected with the firm of Gardiner Brothers at Wingate, Indiana; Letitia, deceased; Lucy, wife of Clark Young, who lives on the home farm in Adams county, Nebraska; and Elmer, deceased. Fred, Letita and Elmer all died from diphtheria within a week.

J. C. Gardiner was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. On reaching his majority he started out in life on his own account as a farmer, first operating rented land near Mansfield in Piatt county. Later he came to Champaign county, and rented a two-hundred-acre farm in Ogden township from J. W. Lewis, which he conducted for five years, at the end of which time he bought a small farm within a half mile of the village of Ogden. In 1891 he was elected assessor of his township, and while performing the duties of that office he also operated his farm without help. In the fall of the same year he sold the place and bought a small stock of groceries, with which he commenced his mercantile business in the L. W. Baird building at Ogden. For the first year his stock consisted only of groceries, but later he began adding other lines, and increased his stock from time to time to meet the

growing demands of his trade. In 1894 he purchased his present store building from W. F. Jenkins and now occupies two good rooms, carrying a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise. There is probably no neater or better conducted establishment in the county. He is deserving of much credit for the success he has achieved, as he came to this county a poor man, and when entering upon his commercial career had but four hundred and fifty dollars to invest; but being a man of sound judgment and good business ability, he has overcome the obstacles in his path and is now at the head of a large and prosperous business. In 1898, in addition to his interests here, he became an equal partner with his brother David in the mercantile firm of Gardiner Brothers, of Wingate, Indiana, and spent a few months in establishing the business there which his brother now carries on.

On the 13th of March, 1887, in Mansfield, Illinois, Mr. Gardiner was united in marriage with Miss Ettie House, a native of Sadorus township, this county, and a daughter of Absalom and Martha (Smith) House. She is a graduate of the Mansfield high school, and is a lady of culture and refinement, who occupies a high place in society and in the esteem of her many acquaintances. In 1896 Mr. Gardiner erected his present commodious residence—one of the best in Ogden. Both he and his wife are active and leading members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is especially interested in Sunday school work, having served as superintendent and president of the township Sunday school association. Fraternally he is a member of Corn City Lodge, No. 560, K. P., and is a charter member of the Court of Honor at Ogden, in which he has served as presiding officer for several years.

In connection with his business interests, Mr. Gardiner has also found time to devote to public affairs, and has taken quite a prominent and influential part in local politics. He is unswerving in his allegiance to the Republican party, and in 1892 was elected supervisor of his township, to which office he has been continuously re-elected, and in which he is now serving his fourth term. During his third term he was chosen chairman of the board, and for three years served as chairman of the judicial committee. He has also been a member of the committees on ways and means, buildings and grounds. That he has discharged his official duties in a most commendable and satisfactory manner is indicated by his long retention in office, and he is considered one of the ablest members of the board. He has also served as village trustee, and is a member of the Republican County Central Committee of Champaign County.

WARREN M. HILL is one of the early settlers of Tolono, where he has passed much of his life, and where his honored father played a very important part in establishing the town upon a firm basis of prosperity. The latter, Walter F. Hill, came of fine old New England ancestry, his birth having occurred in Bangor, Maine. In that city he grew to manhood, acquiring an exceptionally good education, which served him well in his subsequent career. He married Eliza Maxwell, a native of the same city, and of Scotch descent, and soon afterwards they removed to Shelbyville, Kentucky, where he became the

founder and principal of the Shelbyville Female Academy, an institution which exercised a wide influence for good throughout that region. For twenty-two years he conducted the academy in a very efficient manner, winning the high regard of the leading educators of that day. In 1859, when the Civil war seemed imminent, and every enterprise in the land was threatened with dissolution, he closed his school and came to the north, where his sympathies naturally were centered. The old academy building is yet standing, but its work was finished long ago, and the one who made it famous has passed to his reward. For two years after leaving Kentucky, Mr. Hill engaged in teaching school in Champaign county, for educated men were in great demand in Illinois at that day, and it was not long ere he was called upon to act in local offices requiring more than ordinary ability. As justice of the peace he served for a number of years, and as police magistrate for a year, besides being an active member of the town board for years. In early manhood he was a Democrat, but soon after the formation of the Republican party, he identified himself with it, as it more nearly voiced his opinions. Prior to his locating in this county, he made a tour of inspection through Illinois, and bought land in several counties, but concluded that he could find no more promising place for a home than the one he selected. His useful life, covering some four-score years, came to an end at his home in Tolono, March 12, 1887. His widow died February 14, 1900. The mother of the subject of this article died when he was only three weeks old, and the father, thus left with six little children (five of whom have since died) married again, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Rebecca (Miller) Lytle, a widow. Six children were born to them, but only two survive, namely: Joseph E., who is employed as a grain inspector in Chicago, is married, and has five children; and Thomas C., principal of the schools of Kensington, Illinois, married, and father of four children.

Warren M. Hill was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, September 17, 1845, and received his elementary education in the academy presided over by his father. He was only fourteen years of age when he accompanied the family to this county, and six years later he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served from February until September, 1865, his chief duties being those of patrol and guard, as the war had closed soon after his enlistment. Upon arriving home, he turned his attention to farming for a few years, and in 1872 came to Tolono, where he purchased an interest in a grocery business. The firm, known as Louks & Hill, later added a stock of dry goods and general merchandise, and made a success of the undertaking. At the end of three years, Mr. Hill sold out his interest, and entered the service of the government as a railway postal clerk, on the Wabash road. During almost the entire length of his service—eighteen years, his run has been from Toledo to St. Louis, and it is safe to say that he is one of the most trusted and popular men on the line. His fidelity and ability are unquestioned, and his pleasant, courteous ways render him a general favorite with all who have dealings with him. He owns a block of ground in the eastern part of Tolono, and has made improvements thereon. For his family, he has built a convenient modern cottage, and has beauti-

fied the place, setting out shade trees and shrubbery.

Mr. Hill and Annetta Chaffee, daughter of Dr. Heman Chaffee, were united in wedlock, October 24, 1871. She was born in Troy, New York, November 2, 1847, and at an early day came to Illinois with her parents, who were pioneers here. Three children were born to our subject and wife. Annetta A., a graduate of the Tolono high school, is at home. Warren W., is employed in the railway postal service, and Clarence C. died at the age of nine years, August 21, 1891.

Warren M. Hill is a member of the Tolono Grand Army Post, in which he has occupied various offices, and at present is serving as commander. He also belongs to Tolono Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, and is held in high regard in that order, also. With his wife and children, he is identified with the Baptist church, and endeavors, by all means within his power, to promote righteous institutions and causes which have for their object the elevation of humanity.

SANFORD HOUGH, a well-known contractor and builder of Thomasboro, Illinois, has for a quarter of a century been prominently identified with the business interests of that village and has taken an active part in its development and progress. He is energetic, enterprising and thoroughly reliable, and enjoys an enviable reputation in business circles.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Hough was born three miles north of Pullman, April 18, 1850, but when two years old was taken to Valparaiso, Indiana, by his parents, Ellis and Emily (Hyde) Hough, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively. The father was a carpenter and wagonmaker by trade, but during the latter part of his life followed farming. He died in 1898, and the mother departed this life about twenty years ago. In their family were ten children, of whom seven are now living, our subject being the oldest.

Mr. Hough remained under the parental roof until seventeen years of age, attending school and assisting his father in business. In 1869 he went to northwestern Kansas, where he was employed several years herding cattle, and on leaving that state came to Champaign county, Illinois. For about two years he was engaged in farming near Fisher, and in 1875 came to Thomasboro, where he has since successfully carried on operations as a contractor and builder, erecting many of the residences in the village and vicinity.

On the 1st of January, 1875, Mr. Hough led to the marriage altar Miss Rachel Baker, a daughter of Orrin and Julia (Barker) Baker, of Harrison county, Illinois. Her father died in Thomasboro, this county, about sixteen years ago, but the mother is still living at the age of seventy and makes her home with our subject in Thomasboro. They had a family of eight children, six of whom are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Hough have one son, William, who was born in Clay county, Illinois, October 31, 1880, and has been educated in the public schools of Thomasboro, and at Valparaiso, Indiana. He taught in the district schools in the neighborhood of Thomasboro for several terms, but is now clerking in the general store of S. Kauffman & Company, in that village. He is a great lover of books and has a well-selected library, to which he is constantly adding.

Mr. Hough has always been a hard-working man, straightforward and honorable in all his dealings, and has the entire confidence and respect of his neighbors and fellow citizens. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and has never sought nor held public office. His estimable wife is an active and prominent member of the Free Methodist church, and is a constant attendant upon its services. She is a devoted wife and mother, and is seeking to give her only child every possible advantage.

JONAH BENNETT, who is one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Homer, has long been intimately associated with local educational matters and other enterprises here, and is deeply interested in the progress of Champaign county.

He is a grandson of Jacob Bennett, who was engaged in farming in Pennsylvania, his native state, as long as he lived, and is a son of John and Anna (Langley) Bennett, likewise of the Keystone state. They removed to Highland county, Ohio, in 1830, where the father carried on a good farm until his death some twenty years later. The devoted wife and mother reared their six children to be useful citizens, and in 1883 was called to her reward. She was a daughter of John Langley, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and was born and married on the old family homestead there. Both she and her husband were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and made great sacrifices for the sake of religion and the spreading of education and righteousness.

Jonah Bennett, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, October 18, 1846, is the youngest of six brothers and sisters, and was a mere child when death deprived him of his father. His brothers, Jacob and Caleb L., were heroes of the Union army during the Civil war, belonging first to the Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and later to the Twenty-fourth Ohio Light Artillery. They were with Fremont in the Virginia campaign. Caleb L. was an orderly sergeant in the artillery company. Both brothers were captured at the battle of Harper's Ferry, and, upon being paroled, were sent to Chicago, where they guarded prisoners at Camp Douglas. Jacob died April 13, 1883, and Caleb L. departed this life March 27, 1888. The sisters, Mary J., Sarah E. and Anna C. are married and reside in homes in Highland county, Ohio.

After completing his education in the country schools, our subject continued to follow farming as a means of livelihood until 1869, when he came to Illinois, and taught schools in Vermilion county most of the time from 1869 to 1895. From 1887 to 1895 he carried on a farm in this township, and has also been bookkeeper for Milmine, Bodman & Company, grain dealers of this place. From the autumn of 1881 until 1895 he was engaged in teaching in the grammar schools of Homer, and met with gratifying success. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1896 was elected supervisor of Homer township, an office to which he was re-elected in 1898 and also in 1900. He served as chairman of the board in the year 1898, and has been a member of various important committees on education, ways and means, salaries, and at present is acting on the one having in charge the repairing of the court house. For some four years he held the position of assessor of Homer township, and in 1898

was president of the town board of Homer. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Globe, and Ben Hur, a beneficiary order.

The marriage of Mr. Bennett and Margaret S. Salladay occurred April 25, 1872. She was born in Noble county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Rachel Salladay, who came to Illinois in 1864. They carried on a farm in Vermilion county for about eleven years, and then located in Homer. Here the father died in September, 1880, and eight years later the mother died at the home of our subject and wife. Of their ten children eight lived to maturity, but only four survive. Mrs. Eliza J. McWilliams, resides in Stafford county, Kansas; M. M. is carrying on the old Vermilion county homestead, and D. W. resides in Sidell township. By a former marriage, Mrs. Bennett's father had one son, John C., whose home is in Vermilion county, near the Champaign county line. George and Rachel Salladay were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and our subject and wife are earnest workers in the same denomination.

JOHN R. WATKINS is numbered among the enterprising journalists of Champaign county, and, though not more than a decade has passed since he concluded to devote his time and energy to this line of business, he possesses wide experience and excellent judgment in the management of a paper. From time to time he has been honored with various positions of responsibility and trust, and never has failed to give the public perfect satisfaction. With all who know him he is justly popular and his future is full of promise of even greater things than those already accomplished by him.

The father of our subject, Abraham Watkins, was born in Tennessee about 1820, and when he attained his majority he went to Green county, Indiana, and there engaged in teaching for a few years. Later he settled upon a farm and continued to improve and cultivate it until he was well along in years. He was a high type of the rugged pioneer and his early years in the Hoosier state were years of unremitting toil, as the heavy forests yielded to his axe and the land was made ready for cultivation. In principle he was a strong Abolitionist prior to the war, and when the Republican party was organized he became one of its strong advocates, and as a citizen his career was exemplary and in all the relations of life he was sincere, kind and upright. Both himself and wife were members of the Christian church, and all who knew them loved them for their sterling qualities. The father died at the old homestead in Green county, February 8, 1888, and is survived by his widow, who is still living in the house which has sheltered her for about half a century. In her maidenhood she bore the name of Elizabeth Crockett, and her father was a near relative of the famous "Davy" Crockett.

In a family which included ten brothers and sisters, John R. Watkins is the seventh in order of birth. The others are named as follows: Hannah, wife of James Baker, of Green county, Indiana; Nancy, wife of James Crow, of Brazil, Indiana; Willie, who died at the age of two years; Benjamin Franklin, of McVille, Indiana; George G., now superintendent of the schools of Sanborn county, South Dakota; Ellen, who was a successful teacher in the schools of

Indiana and South Dakota, and died at Kinney, Illinois, April 3, 1888; Marshall B., a teacher in Washington; and E. W. and Cora D. are twins. The former is employed as a bookkeeper in the freight department of the Vandalia railroad at Terre Haute, Indiana; and Cora is the wife of Fred Johnson, of Letcher, South Dakota.

The birth of J. K. Watkins took place October 20, 1867, upon his father's farm, near Newark, Indiana. He obtained a good education in the grammar and high schools of Newark and vicinity, being graduated when fifteen years of age. As agriculture was not to his liking, he went to South Dakota, where not finding any other occupation open to him at once, he worked for farmers two seasons. At the end of that time he obtained a position as a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Artesian City, and continued in that place for two years. Returning then to his native county in time to cast his first presidential ballot for Harrison, he spent that winter with his parents. In the following spring he came to Mansfield and opened a general store under the firm name of Forney & Watkins, his partner in the enterprise being William Forney.

In 1890, Mr. Watkins embarked in the field of journalism, and for four years was connected with the Mansfield Express in the capacity of foreman of the printing department. He became thoroughly conversant with every feature of the business, and in 1894 he came to Ogden and commenced the publication of the Courier. This paper has grown wonderfully in popularity during its comparatively short existence, and, as it is strictly non-partisan, it meets with the approval of a large class of readers of varying political faiths. It especially aims to give the news of the day, and is devoted to the upbuilding of this community. Recently, the Courier office has been equipped with modern appliances and presses, and particular attention is paid to all kinds of job printing and press work.

The marriage of Mr. Watkins and Clyde Hilligoss was solemnized April 17, 1890, in Mansfield. The bride's parents, John and Hester (House) Hilligoss, are respected citizens of that place, and the father was principal of the public schools there for several years. He was the founder of the Mansfield Express, and is still conducting that paper. Our subject and wife are very popular in Ogden society, and their attractive modern residence here was erected in 1899. They hold membership with the Christian church of this place.

During the years of his residence in Mansfield, Mr. Watkins was elected and served as township and village clerk, and since coming to Ogden he has acted in the same offices. On the 1st of November, 1897, he was appointed post-master of Ogden, and is still serving the people in this responsible position. In politics, he is a stalwart Republican, and frequently has been sent as a delagate to county and congressional conventions of his party, besides serving on the township and county central committees. Fraternally, he is an Odd Fellow, holding the rank of past noble grand, and belonging to the Encampment. He also is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

WALTER H. TOWNE. No citizen of Broadlands is more widely or favorably known in business and political circles in this section of the county than the gen-

tleman whose name introduces this sketch. He resides on a farm within a mile of the village, but for many years has been identified with the business interests of the place, and is now a member of the firm of Towne & Kenney, dealers in lumber, lime, cement and building material, also bituminous and anthracite coal.

Mr. Towne was born in Danvers, Massachusetts, April 13, 1853, of good Puritan stock. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Towne, was also a native of the old Bay state, and was a soldier of the Revolution. His death occurred in 1812. The father, Daniel Towne, was born in Essex county, Massachusetts, in 1806, and died in that state in 1871. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout life, and was a highly respected citizen of his native county, not taking an active part in local affairs, save in educational matters, serving on the school board for many years. He also did considerable work in the construction and repair of public roads, being commissioner of highways for a great many years. In his political views he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He married Paulina Ferguson, who was born in Maine, in 1809, and died in 1858.

In the family of this worthy couple were eight children: Daphne married W. P. Hutchinson, and remained near the old homestead in Danvers, Massachusetts; Sarah is now the widow of Henry A. White, and a resident of Danvers; Austin was engaged in the manufacture of shoes at St. Louis, Missouri, where he died in 1878; Charles A. is a traveling salesman residing in Decatur, Illinois; Ella resides with her brother in Decatur; Walter H., our subject, is next in order of birth; George is also a traveling salesman residing in Harristown, Illinois; and Frank, twin brother of George, is a general merchant of Harristown, Illinois.

On the home farm in Essex county, Massachusetts, Walter H. Towne grew to manhood, receiving a common school education. In 1872, at the age of nineteen years, he left his boyhood home and came to Macon county, Illinois, where he commenced life for himself by working on a farm by the month for several years. In the spring of 1877 he came to Champaign county and rented land in Ayers township, which he operated for two seasons, and in the fall of 1878 removed to the Broadlands farm, an extensive tract, then including over a township, owned by A. E. Ayers, of Jacksonville, Illinois. After being here for a short time, he was made foreman of the place, which responsible position he creditably filled for eleven years. The care and supervision of this immense tract and its operation necessarily involved a very active life, and during that time he lived almost constantly in the saddle.

In the meantime Mr. Towne was married, December 25, 1879, to Miss Rose B. Bunker, a daughter of Dearborn and Christie C. (Law) Bunker, natives of New Hampshire and Michigan, respectively. She was born in Des Moines, Iowa, where her parents lived for a short time, and then returned to Rye, New Hampshire, remaining there until coming to Matamora, Illinois, in 1870. After a short residence there they removed to Macon county, this state, where the father followed the carpenter's trade for some years, but is now living retired near Warrensburg. Our subject and his wife have four daughters: Ella, a successful teacher of this county; Florence, Edna and Lulu, all at home.

While serving as foreman of the Broad-

lands tract, Mr. Towne purchased an eighty acre tract, which has been his home since 1891, and to which he has added twenty acres, making a good farm of one hundred acres. This he operates in addition to his other business. In 1891 he assumed charge of the elevator and grain business at Broadlands for J. M. Cathcart, and after carrying it on for five years accepted a similar position with H. H. Carr, of Chicago, but arrangements were scarcely more than completed when, on account of a severe illness, he was forced to resign, and the elevator of the company burned about the same time. For some time after his recovery he devoted his attention exclusively to his agricultural pursuits, but in May, 1899, formed a partnership with A. M. Kenney and purchased the lumber business of J. P. Shearer, which they have since successfully carried on. They keep a complete assortment of all kinds of lumber and building materials, such as are usually found in larger towns and cities.

A public-spirited and enterprising citizen, Mr. Towne has always been interested in all measures tending toward the development and improvement of his town and county, and as a stanch Republican has taken an active part in promoting and preserving the principles of his party. He has served almost continuously on the town and county central committees, and is at present a member of the latter. He has filled various elective offices of his township in a most creditable manner. He was collector two years; was elected supervisor of Ayers township in 1893, and filled that office for four consecutive years, at the end of which time he was forced to decline further nomination on account of ill health. In 1898 he was elected commissioner of highways of his township, and still performs the duties of that position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In 1899 he was appointed by Judge Staley to serve on the first board of review, which the new law provided for. He has ever taken an active and commendable interest in educational affairs and contributed his full share to its work, which has always been unremunerative and too often a thankless task, having served as school director and school trustee, filling the latter office eight years. Fraternally Mr. Towne is an honored member of Broadlands Lodge, No. 791, and for five consecutive years served as worshipful master, which office, after an interval, he is again filling. Both he and his estimable wife are active members of Eastern Star Chapter, No. 416, of Broadlands, in which he is serving as patron, and she is also a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN MILTON GREGORY, LL. D., now deceased, was the first president of what is now the University of Illinois, but first called the Illinois Industrial University, and served from 1867 until 1880. He planned the general character of the institution, and against great obstacles struggled heroically for its upbuilding and development. In this he was often greatly hampered by the want of any settled conviction on the part of others as to what should be done, though opinions were by no means wanting. He remained with the University until its character became well established, and until he could see many fruits of his abundant labors.

John M. Gregory came from English ancestry. One Henry Gregory, of Notting-

hamshire, England, came with his four sons and two daughters to America about 1636, stopping first at the newly founded town of Boston, then moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, and afterwards into the wilderness of Connecticut where the family was located at Norwalk. Thence they gradually spread westward. In this line at length came Joseph Gregory, who lived at Sand Lake, Rensselaer county, New York, by occupation a farmer and tanner, once or twice a member of the state Legislature, captain of a militia company, and for many years deacon of the Baptist church. He was a man of great physical strength, and of strong, rugged mind, but with slight educational attainments. When his son John M. wished to go to college, he told him bluntly that it would be money thrown away, as he was a feeble boy and apt to die before he reached the age of twenty. Afterwards, however, he rejoiced greatly at his son's success.

As a child, John M. Gregory went to the village school, but at thirteen he was put to work regularly upon the farm and in the tannery, but was always at a book when possible. The district library was kept at his father's house, and this helped him greatly. It was his constant habit to tell to his brothers and fellow workers on the farm what he had learned in his books.

At seventeen his health became more feeble and he was again sent to school for a winter, which fitted him to take a legal certificate as teacher and to take charge of a private school in Gilboa, Schoharie county, the next spring. He then resolved to prepare for college, but his father being averse to it, he was helped to six months schooling in the academy at Poughkeepsie, New York, by his sister Lois, who had married and lived there. He then taught school at La Grange until he had laid up a little stock of money. When twenty years of age, he entered Union College at Schenectady, where he graduated in 1846, at the head of his class.

During his last year of college life, he entered the law office of Paige & Potter, in Schenectady, and began the study of law, which he had chosen as a profession. The following year he continued his law studies until autumn, when he took charge of a new academy erected for him at Deposit, New York. From there, having been persuaded that he had a call to preach, he removed to Hoosac Falls to take charge of a Baptist church. At the same time, however, he was principal of Ball's Academy. He removed to Akron, Ohio, where he filled a Baptist pulpit, but he had never taken a course of theological study and gradually made up his mind that he preferred teaching.

He therefore went to Detroit, Michigan, in 1852, and established a classical school, where he was thrown with some of the leading teachers, and his active and enthusiastic work led to his election in 1853 to the presidency of the State Teachers' Association. In 1855 he was appointed to the editorial charge of the Michigan Journal of Education, which occupied his time quite fully, although he still continued to teach. In 1859 he was elected superintendent of public instruction, which office he held three terms, being nominated the last two terms by acclamation in the state Republican convention. When the war broke out he threw himself into the raising of troops and was about to take a regiment to the front, but was dissuaded by the condition of his wife, who was an invalid and unable to take sole care of their five children, most of them

small. He, however, assisted in raising relief supplies, and once or twice was chosen to take them to the front.

In 1865 he refused a fourth nomination for the state superintendency and became the president of the Kalamazoo College. In a short campaign of one month, he raised by private subscription the sum of thirty thousand dollars and lifted the institution out of what had seemed a hopeless debt. During the six years of his superintendency he visited and lectured in all the principal counties, organizing educational societies, which became influential in promoting the cause of popular and higher education. He carried the State Teachers' Institute to a high degree of success, bringing in some years over two thousand teachers under instruction and introducing everywhere into the schools new and more intelligent methods. The president and professor of the State University, of the State normal school, and of the colleges of the State, readily joined in the work under his active leadership, and the crowded sessions of two weeks were attended by large numbers of citizens as well as teachers, for whose benefit the afternoon sessions were often devoted to scientific and literary lectures. This was a sort of beginning of a "university extension" system. A school district library system was established throughout the state, and many graded and high schools established. During his superintendency his residence was at Ann Arbor, and he was ex-officio a member of the state board of agriculture, which had charge of the Michigan Agricultural College. With characteristic energy and wisdom he aided in the reorganization of this institution and helped to make it what it was at the end of the time—the best of kind on the continent.

After two years of service as president of Kalamazoo College, he accepted, in 1867, the regency of the Illinois Industrial University, which office he held until 1880. He then devoted himself to literary work, and as one of the results published in 1882 "A New Political Economy," a work which was speedily adopted as a text in many colleges. "Seven Laws of Teaching" soon followed. In 1882 he was made a member of United States civil service commission and continued in the office three years. After this he spent several years in study and travel, making temporary homes in England, France and Germany, then settled down to write up the results of his investigation in Washington, D. C. Here he died October 19, 1898, age seventy-six years, three months and thirteen days. His remains were brought to Urbana, and lie buried in the University campus, where his tomb still bears silent witness to the respect and love in which he was held as the first president of the State University.

September 6, 1848, he married Julia Gregory, daughter of Charles H. Gregory, of Sand Lake, New York, who died July 6, 1877. June 17, 1879, he married Louise Catherine Allen, daughter of David Skillman Allen, of Harristown, Illinois, and at that time professor of domestic economy in the Illinois Industrial University. By the first wife there were five children, as Mrs. Mary Gregory Webb, Glen Ridge, New York; Helen Barbour, now an artist in Holland; Alfred, a lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri; Grant, on the staff of the New York Tribune, residing in Brooklyn, New York, and Julia, a teacher in Kansas City, Missouri. By the second marriage there is one daughter, Allene, who lives with her mother in Washington, D. C.

REV. JOHN BARRY, the well-known pastor of the Catholic church in Philo, Illinois, is a native of this county, born on a farm in Urbana township, September, 28, 1863, and is the eldst son of Bartholomew and Ellen (Lane) Barry, who for over thirty-five years have been well-known and highly respected citizens of this county, and are now living retired in Philo. They are natives of County Cork, Ireland, and when single both emigrated to America about 1853. After stopping for a short time in New York, the father came to Illinois, and soon afterward began farming in Champaign county. He successfully engaged in that occupation for many years and became the owner of a well-improved and highly cultivated farm, which is still in his possession. In 1898, after our subject located in Philo, the parents removed to that village, where they are now living a retired life, enjoying a well-earned rest. They were married in Will county, and had nine children, of whom four died when young. The others are John, our subject; Ellen, who is keeping house for our subject; Bartholomew, who lives on the home farm in Urbana township; Mary, wife of M. J. McDermott, of Philo; and Maggie, at home with her parents.

Father Barry acquired his early education in the common schools of this county, and remained at home until sixteen years of age. He then spent one year at St. Mary's school in Champaign, preparatory to studying for the priesthood, and at the end of that time went to Kankakee, where he continued his studies for a few years. He next entered St. Mary's school in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was ordained as assistant pastor, in which capacity he served for two years at Ivesdale, Illinois, under Father Byrnes. The following year he was with Father Weldon, of Bloomington, and then received the appointment of first pastor of the Catholic church at Gibson City, where he remained three years. During that time he built the church at that place, and he left it in a flourishing condition. His next pastorate was at Piper City, where he also remained three years, doing a great deal toward building the church at that place.

In 1897 Father Barry came to Philo, where a new church had just been erected. Since taking charge of affairs here, he has paid off a large debt of the church; has built a parsonage; and otherwise improved the church property by his energetic and persevering efforts. The church is now in good condition both spiritually and financially. Father Barry also has charge of the congregation at Broadlands, where he has erected a new brick church with all modern improvements, to be completed in 1900. He is very energetic, enterprising, and an untiring laborer in the interests of his church. He is also a close student, is a gentleman of refinement and culture, and is well-liked by all who know him.

ANDREW M. KENNEY, of Broadlands, is one of the public-spirited citizens to whose energy and enterprise that locality is indebted for many improvements. While, as a prosperous business man, he has given close attention to his private affairs, he has never forgotten or ignored that bond of common interest which should unite the people of every community, and he is always ready to promote progress in any line.

Mr. Kenney was born in Derry, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, October 30, 1861, and is a son of Alpheus H. and Eliza

(Marshall) Kenney, also natives of that county. The father was born in 1831, and on leaving Rockingham county, went to Haverhill, Massachusetts, where he was employed as foreman of a shoe manufacturing establishment for two years. In 1868 he came to Illinois and first located in Macon county, where he purchased land and engaged in farming for ten years, at the end of which time he disposed of his property and came to Champaign county. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of the Broadlands tract in Ayers township, which was being sold at that time, and gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he retired from active labor and moved to the village of Broadlands, where he died the following year. His wife is still living and continues to make her home in that place. Politically he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and religiously was a faithful member of the Congregational church. In his family were five children, of whom one died in infancy. Our subject is the oldest of those still living. John A., next in order of birth, owns and operates a large rice plantation of several hundred acres near Jennings, Louisiana; George W. is a practicing attorney of Springfield, Illinois; and Ida L. resides with her mother in Broadlands.

The subject of this review was a child of six years when the family came to this state, and he passed his boyhood and youth on his father's farm in Macon county. At the age of seventeen he came with his parents to Champaign county, where, as before, he assisted in carrying on the farm work, remaining at home until after reaching his majority. He received a good practical education, attending first the district schools and later a normal school at Bloomfield, Iowa, while his brothers were both educated at Depauw University.

On starting out in life for himself, Mr. Kenney engaged in farming on rented land for three years, and at the end of that time purchased one hundred and thirty acres of land just across the line in Douglas county, upon which place he still continues to reside, though he owns the home farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining in Champaign county. He gave his undivided attention to farming and stock raising until 1892, when he accepted his present position as manager of the elevator and grain business at Broadlands for Bartlett, Kuhn & Company, of Terre Haute, Indiana. Their elevator and crib have a capacity of one hundred thousand bushels and they do a large business. Mr. Kenney is also the junior member of the firm of Towne & Kenney, dealers in lumber and coal, in which line of trade they have built up a flourishing and prosperous business. He is one of the most active and progressive business men of the county and has various interests in Broadlands. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Bank of Broadlands, serving in that office two years, and is now a director and shareholder. He is also a partner in the general mercantile firm of Kenney & Putnam.

Mr. Kenney was married, September 16, 1891, to Miss Luella M. Coolley, who was born in Douglas county, a daughter of John A. and Harriet (Wyckoff) Coolley, natives of Indiana and Illinois, respectively. By this union were born three children, namely: Harold, Helen and Frances.

Though well known in the business circles of his community, it is perhaps as a church and Sunday-school worker that Mr. Kenney is best known. Since his youth he

has been especially interested in religious matters, and as teacher, superintendent and organizer he has taken an active part in Sunday-school work. He is one of the leading and influential members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Fairfield, Douglas county, of which he has been a deacon for five years, and has also been trustee of the church and the Fairfield cemetery. He is the present superintendent of the Sunday-school, which position he has filled for the past two years, and is also president of the Douglas County Sunday-School Association. Politically, he is an independent Democrat, favoring the gold standard and sound money, and fraternally is a charter member and one of the organizers of Trinity Lodge, No. 254, K. P., of which he held the office of chancellor two terms. He never withholds his support from any enterprise calculated to advance the moral, social or material welfare of his community, and is recognized as one of its most valued and useful citizens.

HARRY W. CHADWICK, a well-known locomotive engineer residing at No. 406 South Race street, Urbana, Illinois, was born in Vincennes, Knox county, Indiana, October 1, 1857, and comes of a family many of whose representatives have been machinists or sea-faring men. His father, Eli Chadwick, was a native of England, and belonged to an old and honored family. He was educated for an Episcopal clergyman but never entered the ministry. In Vincennes, Indiana, he married Miss Mary Docker, of Scotch descent. He put in operation the first telegraph at that place and sent the first message from that city. Later he was made superintendent of the line, and still later became superintendent of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, now the Baltimore & Ohio, holding that position before the trains passed over the bridge and were ferried across the Wabash river. He was still serving as superintendent of the southwestern division of that road at the the time of his death, which occurred in St. Louis, January 6, 1864. He was buried by the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies, being a prominent member of those orders. He and his friend, Dr. Austin, a minister of the Episcopal church, went to Scotland to take the degrees of the Scottish Rite. In politics he was an ardent Republican, and favored the vigorous prosecution of the war. His wife, who survived him many years and reared their children, died at the age of fifty-six years. Although she was reared a Presbyterian, she united with the Episcopal church after her marriage, as her husband was a member of that denomination. Her parents were Henry and Mary Docker, of Shawneetown, Illinois, where he built the Riverside hotel. After his death Mrs. Docker married William Birch, whose first wife was her sister. He was the wealthiest man in Knox county, Indiana, where he located during the '40s.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of four children, the others being as follows: (1) William Birch is a resident of Chester, Pennsylvania, but is engaged in business in Philadelphia as superintendent of water supply plants. He married Maggie, daughter of Judge Frank and Margaret Moore, of Vincennes, Indiana, and they have one child, Wallace, who is now preparing for the United States navy at Annapolis, Maryland. (2) Maria is the wife of Frank Green, a liveryman of Indianapolis,

Indiana, and they have two children, Hannah and Frankie. Mr. Green's father, a native of England, built the opera house at Vincennes, and he and our subject's father presented to that city its first fire engine, the Lafayette. (4) Thomas Docker, a resident of East St. Louis, is an engineer on the southwestern branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and is a genial, jovial gentleman, a great favorite with his acquaintances.

After completing his education Harry W. Chadwick learned the machinist's trade in the railroad shops at Vincennes, Indiana, where he was employed for four years, during which time he made his home with his grandfather, William Birch. He then secured a position as fireman on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, and on the 16th of September, 1879, was promoted to an engineer. Before he had attained his majority he had acted in that capacity, and has been at the throttle ever since with the exception of six weeks, first with the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, then with the Hannibal & St. Jo, and now with the Peoria & Eastern division of the Big Four.

During his railroad career, Mr. Chadwick has had some thrilling experiences and been in several wrecks, but fortunately has never been injured. He wears a large cameo ring which he received as a reward for rescuing from death Ella Farrel, the eighteen-months-old daughter of the section boss at Wheatland, Indiana. Seeing the child on the track, he stepped on the pilot, holding the shacklebar with his left hand, and with his right on the cowcatcher, he caught the child up and carried it into the cab unharmed with the exception of its shoulder, which was dislocated by the jerk. He then backed the train and delivered the child to the frenzied mother who, from her doorway, had witnessed all that had passed. Mr. Chadwick was in one collision which cost the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad thirty-seven thousand dollars, but he carries recommendations of the highest quality from the officials of the road, who exonerated him from all blame, as he was worn out from overwork and loss of sleep. He has been in six head-end collisions and in five others where his engine run into the caboose of another train, but no deaths resulted from these. He has been turned over three times with his engine, and while with the Big Four he and his fireman, Harry Deputy, on their engine, with fifty cars attached, went through a culvert. They jumped into thirteen feet of water and had to swim sixty feet before reaching the bank. This accident was caused by a cloudburst. Two men have been killed by Mr. Chadwick's engine—one of whom was drunk and laid down on the track at Shoals, Indiana. The other was a new brakeman, who was injured at LeRoy, Illinois, while making a coupling, and died soon afterward. It is believed that his lamp had gone out, and not knowing the road, he walked into the cattle guard and got under the train unnoticed by our subject.

On the 1st of July, 1882, Mr. Chadwick married Miss Nettie Slawson, who was then living with her grandfather, Abner Slawson, in Vincennes, Indiana. Her father, William Slawson, is now a resident of Urbana. Our subject and his wife have two children: Bessie Marie, who is attending the high school of Urbana; and Frank, who is in the fourth grade of the grammar school. Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick are both active members of the First Baptist church of Urbana, and she teaches a class in Sunday school, is sec-

cretary of the Eastern Star Lodge, is an officer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and is connected with several church organizations. Socially, our subject is a member of the Blue Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M.; the Tribe of Ben Hur, and both he and his wife are members of the Court of Honor. He affiliates with the Republican party, and in 1896 came within four votes of being elected alderman of his ward when running against a man who had held the office for thirteen years. He was deputized to act as deputy United States marshal at the legal execution of Samuel Archer, at Shoals, Indiana, in the '70s. He has always been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and merits and receives the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

ISAAC BROWN, whose valuable homestead is located on section 21, South Homer township, Champaign county, is one of the pioneers of this locality, and, as such, is entitled to the honor and respect which is freely accorded him. He has witnessed remarkable changes during the period of his residence here, the once wild, barren prairie having been converted into fertile, productive farms, dotted here and there with happy homes, thriving villages and populous towns.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Brown, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and was a farmer in Pennsylvania, in which state his son, George W., father of Isaac Brown, was born. The latter was a distiller in his young manhood (this occupation being very common among the Pennsylvania farmers of that day), and subsequently he gave his entire attention to farming. In 1834 he located in Fayette county, Ohio, where he bought and improved land, and in 1857 he came to Champaign county, where the remainder of his life was spent. Buying three hundred and twenty acres of land in South Homer township, he continued to dwell there until his death, in 1884, when he was in his seventy-seventh year. The wife of his youth bore the maiden name of Ruth Rogers, and she, like himself, was a native of the Keystone state. She departed this life in 1872, aged sixty-six years, and he afterwards married Mrs. George Sampson, who is now living in Kansas. By the first marriage five children were born, namely: Isaac, David and John, farmers of this township; William, who died at the age of thirty-five years; and Maria, who was only four years old when death claimed her.

Isaac Brown was born December 16, 1830, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and in his boyhood attended the typical log cabin district school of the period. He remained under the parental roof until 1855, when he determined to prospect in the west. Coming by railroad as far as Paris, Illinois, he was there obliged to leave the train and proceed by stage to Urbana and thence on foot to the home of his uncle, William M. Rogers. Arriving there he was employed by his relative for several months, at the end of which time the young man returned to Ohio, and in the fall of 1857, accompanied by his father and the family, he came to this county as a permanent resident.

On Christmas day, 1864, Mr. Brown married Catherine Cunningham, daughter of William Cunningham, of Fayette county, Ohio. Of the five children born to our subject and wife, Leroy resides

in Covington, Indiana; Belle, twin sister of Leroy, is the wife of Scott Peters, of Homer township; William O. lives in Vance township, Vermilion county, Illinois, and his wife formerly bore the name of Blanche Johnson; Clark, also of Vance township, chose Mary Riggs for a wife; and Olive is the wife of John Argeare, of Kentland, Indiana. On the 23rd of December, 1875, Isaac Brown and Lucinda, daughter of Elias and Harriet (Haberstine) Forbes, were united in wedlock. Mr. Forbes was a native of Pennsylvania, his wife of Virginia, and his daughter, Mrs. Brown, of Madison county, Ohio. In early life, Mr. Forbes went to the Buckeye state, where he became a mechanic, which calling he followed until 1873, when he located in Vermilion county. Here he engaged in farming and also served as a local preacher, doing much good among the people with whom his lot was cast. He was called to his reward March 1, 1876, but his wife had died in 1863. Of their children, William and Henry live in Iowa; Absalom and James in Madison county, Ohio; and Angus in the state of Washington, while Eliza resides with her sister, Mrs. Brown.

Isaac and Lucinda Brown became the parents of six children, of whom the two eldest, Frances Ruth and Minne Josephine, died in infancy. M. Earl lives with his half brother, William O., in Vance township, Vermilion county. Jesse W., Charles D. and Clarence C. are at home.

Subsequent to his first marriage, Isaac Brown began the cultivation of a portion of his father's land, one hundred and twenty acres of it being yet unbroken prairie. He built a small cabin of two rooms, and, as the years went by, he added a wing or an improvement here and there until it is now a substantial and convenient dwelling. He made a specialty of raising Durham and Short-Horn cattle, and Poland-China hogs, always keeping a high grade of live stock on his place. In every way, he has been a progressive farmer, taking the leading agricultural journals, and keeping abreast of the times.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In national issues he is a Democrat, but in local affairs he prefers to be independent, voting for the candidate whom he considers best suited to the office. In the first years of his residence here, deer and wolves, as well as smaller game, were very numerous on these prairies, and the hunter and trapper had abundant chances for exercising their skill and craft.

FRANKLIN E. BURR, who is now living a retired life in the village of Philo, has for over forty years made his home in this county, and has been actively identified with its agricultural interests. His well-directed efforts have been crowned with success, and his prosperity is due to his own good management, enterprise and perseverance.

Mr. Burr was born in Worthington, Massachusetts, January 6, 1824, and is a son of Ames and Relief (Eager) Burr, also natives of the old Bay state. The family is of English origin, and our subject can trace his ancestry back for several generations. His father was a farmer by occupation and a soldier of the war of 1812. He died in his native state at about the age of eighty years. In his family were twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom three sons and three daughters are still living, namely: Franklin E., our subject;

Jane, wife of G. N. Rice, formerly a resident of Champaign, but now of Iowa; John, a farmer of Philo township, this county; Helen, wife of E. B. Hazen, of Philo; Arthur, a resident of Wichita, Kansas; and Carrie, wife of Dr. Mandeville, of Philo.

In his native state Franklin E. Burr acquired a good common school education, and during his boyhood and youth he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, remaining there until he attained his majority, when he went to New York and was engaged in the lumber business with his brother for seven years.

On the 11th of October, 1849, Mr. Burr was united in marriage with Miss Emily A. Robinson, who was born in Chesterfield, Massachusetts, November 17, 1827, a daughter of Silas and Cynthia (Porter) Robinson, also natives of Massachusetts, and of English descent. Of the five children born to our subject and his wife, the eldest died in infancy. (2) Emma J. is the wife of Professor I. O. Baker, of the Illinois University at Champaign, and they have two sons, Horatio and Cecil. (3) Frank R., a farmer of Philo township, married Miss Anna C. Black, and has four children, Elbert, Nellie, Emily and David. (4) Fanny C. is the wife of George Lovingfoss, a farmer of Philo township, and they have four sons, Clifford, Kenneth, Philip and Fred. (5) Hurbert A., who is living on his father's farm in Crittenden township, married Miss Lyda C. Black, and they have three children, Stella, Franklin and Fred.

After his marriage, Mr. Burr remained in New York for a few years, and then moved to Kendall county, this state, where he operated a rented farm for one year. The following three years he engaged in farming on rented land in Bureau county, and in 1860 came to Champaign county, where he has since made his home. His first purchase here consisted of a tract of unbroken land in Philo township, and he at once turned his attention to its development and cultivation. He made all the necessary improvements on the place, and added to his landed possessions from time to time until he now has four hundred acres, two hundred and forty in Philo township, and one hundred and sixty in Crittenden township, both under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good and substantial buildings. Mr. Burr continued to successfully engage in farming until 1895, when he removed to Philo, where he purchased a lot and erected a comfortable modern home, where he and his wife expect to pass their remaining days in ease and quiet.

While living on the farm Mr. Burr filled the office of assessor for several years; also collector; and was school director for a number of years. In his political affiliations he he is a Democrat. On the 11th of October, 1899, he and his worthy wife celebrated their golden wedding. A notable fact in this family is that the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Burr celebrated their golden weddings, and that his sister Jane did the same. Mrs. Burr is a member of the Presbyterian church, and both she and her husband are highly respected and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance. His career proves that the only true success in life is that which is accomplished by personal effort and consecutive industry. It proves that the road to success is open to all young men who have the courage to tread its pathway, and the life record of such a man should serve as an inspiration to the young of this and future generations, and teach, by incontrovertible facts, that success is ambition's answer.

HENLEY EVERSOLE. In past ages the history of a country was the record of wars and conquests; to-day it is the record of commercial activity, and those whose names are foremost in its annals are the leaders in business circles. The conquests now made are those of mind over matter, not of man over man, and the victor is he who can successfully establish, control and operate extensive commercial interests. Mr. Eversole is unquestionably one of the leading business men in the southern part of Champaign county, his home being in Broadlands. He is extensively engaged in the grain business and is also a dealer in wagons, carriages, buggies, farm implements, threshing machines, etc.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Eversole was born in Coles county, July 31, 1863, and is a son of Henry and Sarah J. (Work) Eversole. His paternal grandparents were David and Elizabeth (Miller) Eversole, both natives of Virginia. The family is of German origin and the name was originally spelled Ebersole. During pioneer days the grandfather settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was an extensive stock dealer, and in those early days drove all his stock to Baltimore and other eastern cities. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Samuel and Elizabeth (Henley) Work, who removed from North Carolina to Clark county, Indiana, locating on the Ohio river, sixteen miles from Louisville, Kentucky. Several of the Henley family have distinguished themselves as members of Congress or the Legislature from Indiana, and one from California. Henry C. Work, a cousin of Mrs. Eversole, is the author of the world-renowned song, "Marching Through Georgia."

Henry Eversole, father of our subject, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 2, 1831, and when a young man removed to Coles county, Illinois. He was married five years later in Indiana, and continued to make his home in that county throughout life, dying there December 11, 1899. His widow still resides on the old homestead. He became an extensive land owner, had two hundred acres in Coles county and five hundred acres in the west. Politically he was a strong Republican, and religiously was an active member of the Christian church, in which he served as elder for many years. In his family were five children, namely: Lula, who resides with her mother on the home farm; McClellan, a farmer of Coles county; Henley, our subject; John H., who is engaged in the grain and buggy business in Mayview, Champaign county; and Berte, who died in infancy.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood on the old homestead in Coles county, and received his education in the public schools and Lee's Academy at Loxa, Illinois, While still in his teens he commenced teaching school and successfully followed that pursuit in his native county for four years, being at length compelled to abandon it on account of failing health. The following two years were spent in traveling for the benefit of the same. In 1892 he accepted the position of assistant traveling passenger agent for the Clover Leaf Railroad, with which he was connected for one season, traveling from New York to Colorado and Arkansas. The following fall he embarked in the grain and implement business at Hindsboro, Douglas county, with his brothers, and had charge of the business as manager for three years, at the end of which time the firm sold out there

and our subject entered business in the same line at Fithian, Illinois, remaining there two years. After spending some time looking for a satisfactory location, Mr. Eversole decided on Broadlands, where he erected a grain elevator and has since engaged in business. Within the last few years he has built three elevators, one at Hindsboro, another at Fithian, and the third at Broadlands. He also carries a comcomplete line of all kinds of farm implements, from a plow to a threshing machine, and has an elegant line of buggies and vehicles, his stock occupying three large warerooms. Since coming to Broadlands he has built two residences, his present elegant home being completed in 1900. It is equipped with all modern conveniences and is one of the finest residences in the village. Besides the property already mentioned Mr. Eversole owns eighty acres of land in Coles county, and is now making preparations for the erection of a brick block, having a half interest in the same. His grain and implement business now amount to one hundred thousand dollars per year, and he is one of the most important factors in the business circles of his community, being thoroughly identified with the interests of the thriving and prosperous town of Broadlands.

At Newman, Illinois, March 26, 1895, Mr. Eversole married Miss Olive O. Wagner, who was born in that place, March 8, 1875, a daughter of Dr. J. M. and Ellen (Dunlap) Wagner, of Newman. Her father is a well-known physician and a stockman of Douglas county. His children are J. R., who is engaged in the practice of medicine with his father; Olive O., wife of our subject; one who died in infancy; Hazel, Nina and Dwight, all at home.

Mr. Eversole takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and its principals. He holds membership in Broadlands Lodge, No. 791, F. & A. M., and Broadlands Camp, No. 2072, M. W. A., and he and his wife are members of Broadlands Chapter, O. E. S., No. 416. He is a prominent and influential member of the Christian church, taking an active part in its work and serving as superintendent of the Sunday school most of the time for ten years. He is now superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school in Broadlands. He is held in high regard by all who know him on account of his sterling worth, and has made a host of warm friends during his residence in Broadlands.

S. WILLIAM POTTER, one of the most popular and influential citizens of Ayers township, Champaign county, Illinois, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 17, was born in Morgan county, this state. His father, John Potter, was a native of England, born in Oldham, Lancastershire, March 27, 1832, and was a son of Samuel Potter, who was in the employ of an English cotton manufacturer, and prior to his removal to this country, he visited Mexico, on business connected with his manufactory. In 1848 he emigrated to America and took up his residence in Morgan county, Illinois, where he made a contract to purchase land, but died before his funds left England arrived. Of his children, two married daughters remained in that country. Those who came with him to America were Joseph and John, father of our subject, while Ann and her hus-

band, James Wilson, one year later crossed the Atlantic and brought Ralph and Elizabeth, and also located in Morgan county, Illinois. By a former marriage he had one son, Samuel, who remained in England.

After the death of their father, John Potter and his brother started out in life on their own account. The former was married in Morgan county, October 28, 1858, to Miss Rebecca Gibson, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, July 19, 1835, and when a child came to Illinois with her widowed mother. After his marriage Mr. Potter rented land in Morgan county, where he made his home until 1848, when he moved his family to Champaign county and purchased the northeast quarter of section 23, Raymond township, it being a part of the Broadlands tract then offered for sale. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for he died three years later, on the 21st of July, 1880. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and was laid to rest with the imposing ceremonies of that order. His wife survived him about five years and a half, dying January 29, 1886. To this worthy couple were born eight children, of whom S. William, our subject, is the eldest; Hugh D. is a retired farmer of Broadlands; Joseph P. and John S. are both farmers of Ayers township; Margaret A. is the wife of James Astell, of Raymond township; Ira L., born April 8, 1868, died August 16, 1869. Robert F. resides in Illinois and is a salesman for fine horses; he married Mary Miller, daughter of Thomas Miller; Hannah E. is the wife of Samuel E. Shultz, a farmer of Ayers township.

S. William Potter was reared on the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and he obtained his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and the practical school of experience. He had just attained his majority when his father died, and being the eldest son, the care and responsibility of the head of a large family devolved upon him. He kept the children together until the youngest was of age, and the boys worked together in harmony upon the farm, to which they added another one hundred and sixty acres, making three hundred and twenty acres in all. As the children married and left home their shares were purchased, and upon the marriage of the youngest sister a final division of the property was made, our subject receiving one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Ayers township, as his share. He has always given his attention to general farming and stock raising and takes a pride in keeping well bred stock, being a good judge and admirer of horses.

Since old enough to cast his first vote, Mr. Potter has taken an active interest in public affairs, and is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, and for its success he is a zealous worker, having served on the town and county central committees and as a delegate to various conventions. When but twenty-one years of age he was elected a member of the school board, in which capacity he served for eight years. His next office was that of collector of his township, which he filled two terms, and was assessor of the township of Ayers for for the same length of time. In April, 1897, he was elected supervisor of Ayers township, and served in that responsible position for two terms with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was a member of several important committees, including those

of ways and means, claims and swamp lands. In 1893 he was elected commissioner of the Little Vermilion drainage district, in which capacity he served six consecutive years. Fraternally he is a member of Broadlands Lodge, No. 791, F. & A. M.; Newman Chapter, No. 172, R. A. M., of Newman; Broadlands Chapter, No. 416, O. E. S.; and Melita Commandery, No. 37, K. T., of Tuscola. For the past seven years he has been an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school, serving as steward and trustee of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school. He has won a high place in the regard and esteem of his many friends and acquaintances for his sterling qualities of head and heart, and he has the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

FREDERICK J. PETERS. While "the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong," the invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry and ability a successful career. The truth of this assertion is abundantly verified in the life of Mr. Peters, a well-known tile manufacturer of Thomasboro, Champaign county, Illinois.

Mr. Peters was born in Schwerin, Mecklenburg, Germany, August 12, 1856, and is a son of Frederick J. Peters, Sr., who died when our subject was only fourteen years of age. In the family were seven children, two sons and five daughters, but Frederick was the only one to come to this country. He was educated in the public schools and gymnasium of his native land, and at the age of twenty entered the standing army, in which he served for three years. Upon leaving the army he turned his attention to railroading, in which he was engaged until his emigration to the United States in 1886.

Before leaving Germany Mr. Peters was married, in 1884, to Mrs. Minnie Manka, a daughter of Frederick E. and Sophia (Ede) Voss, who died in that country. The father was a tile manufacturer and carried on a large and successful business. Mrs. Peters has two brothers in America: John A. Voss, who formerly operated a tile factory in Thomasboro, but is now living retired in Champaign; and George E. Voss, who is engaged in business in Chicago.

By her first marriage Mrs. Peters had four children: (1) Otto Manka, a tile manufacturer of Thomasboro, died July 30, 1895, at the age of twenty-six years and eight months. (2) Charles F. Manka is married and successfully engaged in the butcher business in Chicago. (3) Matilda Manka, born February 8, 1872, died in Thomasboro, December 26, 1899. (4) Augusta Peters, who takes the name of her stepfather, was born in Germany May 26, 1880, and was educated in Chicago, graduating from the Harrison School in 1893, and later attending the South Division high school until October, 1895. The father of these children was William Manka, who died when quite young.

In 1886 Mr. Peters and his family sailed for the new world and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, whence they came to Thomasboro, Illinois. Here he worked in the tile factory owned by his brother-in-law, John A. Voss, for four years, and then went to Chicago, where he was in the employ of the Armour Packing Company for three years, and Libby, McNeal & Company for two

years. In 1895 he returned to Thomasboro and purchased the tile factory, which he has since operated with good success, building up an extensive and profitable business as a manufacturer of drain tile and brick. He is a progressive business man of known reliability, and the success that has crowned his efforts is certainly well-merited. In politics he is independent, and in his social relations is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, while his wife belongs to the Royal Neighbors.

JACOB J. HAMMER, an industrious and enterprising farmer residing on section 29, Ayers township, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Denmark, December 18, 1856, a son of Nelson and Annie (Jenson) Hammer, also natives of that country, where the father was engaged in farming in early life. In their family were seven children, three of whom are still living, namely: Mary, wife of Andrew Tilson, a farmer of Chariton county, Missouri; Anne, wife of Peter Peterson, of Clifton Hill, Randolph county, Missouri; and Jacob J., our subject. One daughter, Christine, married Newton Mathison, and remained in Denmark, where she died November 8, 1879, leaving two children, Annie and Martin, who, with their father, came to America in 1882. Mr. Mathison died six weeks later and since then the son has made his home with our subject.

Jacob J. Hammer passed his boyhood and youth in his native land, but in 1873, at the age of seventeen years, he left home and came alone to the new world, his destination being Ayers township, Champaign county, Illinois, where his uncle, Peter N. Hammer, resided. After making his home with him for a short time our subject commenced work as a farm laborer, and was thus employed until joined by his parents and Mr. Mathison and family. He then rented land in Ayres township and continued to operate rented property in that and Raymond township, until 1888, when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres on section 29, Ayres township—a part of the Broadlands tract. His parents made their home with him until called from this life, the father dying March 12, 1888, the mother November 23, 1897.

On the 28th of November, 1888, at Longview, Illinois, Mr. Hammer married Miss Rosa B. Groves, a native of Switzerland county, Indiana, and a daughter of George W. and Mary E. (Carpenter) Groves, the father born in Dearborn county, Indiana, the mother in Warren county, Ohio. When eighteen months old she came to Vermilion county, Illinois, with her parents, who are still living on a farm in Raymond township. Their children are: James W., a farmer of Ripley county, Indiana; Susanna, wife of William Taylor, of Shelby county, Illinois; Elizabeth J., wife of George Scott, of White county, Indiana; Mary M., wife of George Taylor of Pennfield, Illinois; George C., a farmer of Calhoun county, Iowa; Joseph M., a resident of Arkansas; Jesse L. W., a resident of Calhoun county, Iowa; Ella M., wife of John Bivins, of Sullivan, Franklin county, Missouri; and Rosa B., wife of our subject. To Mr. and Mrs. Hammer were born three children, but a son and daughter both died in infancy. The only survivor is George Groves, who was born June 9, 1891, and is a twin of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer began housekeeping in a humble way in the little house standing upon his farm, it being the only improvement upon the place at that time, as there were no trees, fences or other buildings of any kind. By industry, perseverance and capable management, he has succeeded in transforming the barren tract into one of the first and most desirable farms of its size in the township. It is one of the most thoroughly tiled places in the county, having some four or five miles of tiling, and in 1896 he erected thereon a neat and comfortable residence. The thrifty appearance of the place indicates the supervision of a careful and progressive agriculturist who thoroughly understands his chosen occupation, and is meeting with success in his undertakings.

Mr. Hammer casts his ballot with the Republican party, and affiliates with Allerton Camp, M. W. A. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, his wife in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is now serving as school director in his district. For the success that he has achieved in life he deserves much credit, for he commenced life here as a poor boy in a strange land, and has had to overcome many hardships and difficulties, but he has always been ably assisted by his faithful wife, and with her aid is now in comfortable circumstances.

JOSEPH SCHEURICH, M. D., a rising and popular, as well as a successful physician and surgeon of Philo, is a native of this county, his birth occurring in Colfax township, July 31, 1873. His parents were Jacob and Margaret (Tempel) Scheurich, both natives of Indiana. In 1866, when still a young man, the father came to this county, and for two years was engaged in merchandising at Tolono with his father. He then engaged in farming upon rented land, and afterward purchased a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Colfax township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his life, becoming a very successful general farmer. In religious faith he was a Catholic, and in politics was a Democrat, but never cared for official honors. He died in 1898, leaving a wife and ten children, namely: Joseph, our subject; Frank, who is attending school at Valparaiso, Indiana; Andrew, who manages the home farm; and Tressa, Henry, John, Mary, Annie, Minnie, deceased, and George, who are all at home with the mother.

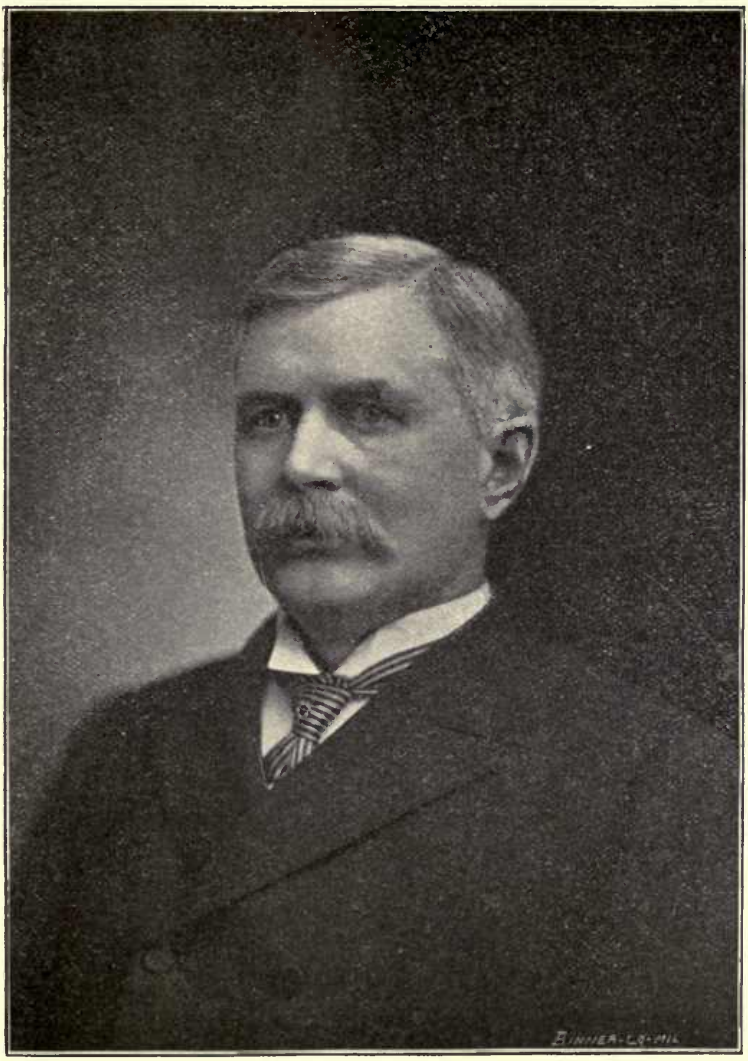
Dr. Scheurich obtained his early education in the district school near his boyhood home, and during his minority assisted in the work of the farm. He then attended the Spencerian Business College, at Philadelphia, in 1892-3, and after completing the prescribed course at that institution entered Jefferson Medical College of the same city, where he pursued a thorough course in medicine. The following year was spent at Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, from which he graduated in 1898. Immediately after his graduation he located in Philo, where he at first rented an office and home on the south side of the business district of the village, but in 1899 he purchased the same. Although a young man, he is now the leading physician of the community, and enjoys a large and constantly increasing practice, which covers a territory about twelve miles in every direction. He has met with wonderful success in his chosen occupation, and has gained the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens in a marked degree.

On the 28th of July, 1898, Dr. Scheurich was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ryan, who was born in Ohio, in 1876, and they now have a little son, William J. The Doctor is a member of the Catholic Church and the Catholic Knights of America at Philo. In politics he is independent, supporting the men whom he considers best qualified to fill positions regardless of party lines. A pleasant, genial gentleman, he makes hosts of warm friends, and is held in high regard by all with whom he comes in contact, either in social or business life.

ANDREW S. DRAPER, LL. D. The name of Dr. Draper is a familiar one in educational circles throughout the country, and as the president of the University of Illinois he has materially advanced the intellectual status of this commonwealth. Man's worth in the world is measured by what he has done for his fellow men, and certainly he is deserving of great gratitude who has enabled others to understand their own powers, to have cognizance of their intellectual strength and develop their capabilities in a way that will make their opportunities in life greater and broader. Such a work is that which occupies the attention of him whose name introduces this review, and to-day he stands among the leaders in educational labors in the Mississippi valley.

President Draper was born in Westford, Otsego county, New York, June 21, 1848, his parents being Sylvester Bigelow and Jane (Sloan) Draper. The father was a farmer and manufacturer of Westford. Nine generations of the Draper family have resided in America, the original ancestor in this country having come from England in 1646. One of the great-grandfathers of the Doctor was a captain in King Philip's war, and two others were Revolutionary heroes. All were residents of Massachusetts. The Sloans were of Scotch-Irish ancestry and came to America in 1812, locating in Washington county, New York. Samuel Sloan, the maternal grandfather, was the first of the family to take up his abode in the new world. His family were of the Presbyterian faith, while the Draper family were Congregationalists in religious belief. Soon after the Revolutionary war the Drapers made a settlement in the midst of the wilderness, in Otsego county, New York, and there resided the great-grandfather, the grandfather and the father of our subject, and lands first taken were in possession of members of the family for over one hundred years. When Dr. Draper was a lad of seven summers his parents removed to Albany, New York. In the public schools of that city the Doctor obtained his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in the Albany Academy. Later he was a student in the school of law of the Union University, being graduated in the class of 1871. Having been admitted to the bar, he practiced law in Albany fourteen years, and during that time, from 1878 to 1881, he was a member of the board of education of that city. He had also successfully engaged in teaching from 1866 to 1870, being a member of the faculty of the Albany Academy during a portion of that time.

A recognized leader in public thought and opinion, Dr. Draper was called upon to represent his district in the New York Legislature in 1881, and was made a member of the committees on ways and means and public education, and public printing, but gave



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the greater part of his time to the first named. He was also a member of a special committee of that Legislature that investigated the affairs of the Elmira reformatory, prepared the report of the committee, and also the first bill which became a law in New York against contract labor in the prisons. He was likewise a member of the special committee that entertained General Grant on the part of the Legislature, and also a member of the special committee that investigated the charges of bribery preferred against Senator L. B. Sessions in connection with the contest over the election of a United States senator brought on by the resignations of Senators Conkling and Platt. Dr. Draper supported those two senators in that prolonged contest. He was a member of the Republican state central committee from 1882 until 1885, and was chairman of the executive committee during the presidential campaign of 1884. The same year he was a delegate to the Republican national convention and supported the nomination of President Arthur. He had charge of the details of the party campaign in New York in 1884 and visited Mr. Blaine at his invitation at his home in Augusta, Maine, and later accompanied him on his two celebrated tours of the Empire state. The same year he was appointed by President Arthur—the appointment being confirmed by the senate—as one of the judges of the United States court created by Congress to determine the individual claims against the Geneva award. In 1886 he was elected by the New York Legislature to the position of state superintendent of public instruction and re-elected in 1889, serving until 1892. During this time the educational system of New York state was in a large measure re-organized, and many legislative acts were passed of benefit to the schools. The courses of work in the normal schools and in the teachers' training classes were entirely revised and a complete system of uniform examination for teachers' certificates was established.

In 1892 Dr. Draper was chosen superintendent of instruction in the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, and filled that position for two years. A new law had been enacted for the city which placed the appointment and removal of teachers wholly in the hands of the superintendent, and in this way the teaching-force was purged and reinvigorated and the standard of the schools was materially raised. Examinations as tests of advancement from grade to grade in grammar schools were abolished and the judgment of the teachers substituted therefor. The work of the city training school was revised, and the whole city educational system took on new energy and effectiveness. In 1894 Dr. Draper was elected president of the University of Illinois and has since occupied the position. During his incumbency harmony has prevailed in the councils of the university and all the friends of the institution have combined to lift it to a place of first rank among the universities of the country. Through the favor of the people of the state and generous appropriations by the Legislature these efforts have been in a large measure successful. New university buildings have been secured, and the instructional force has more than doubled during the past five years, while the number of students has increased from less than eight hundred to more than twenty-two hundred. Dr. Draper has been a frequent contributor to the educational press and has delivered addresses before educa-

tional bodies in more than one-half the states of the Union. He has recently published a work entitled the Rescue of Cuba, which has atttacted much attention and won much commendation throughout the country.

In 1872 Dr. Draper was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Louise Lyon, of New Britain, Connecticut, and they now have two children: Charlotte Leland and Edwin Lyon. The Doctor was formerly a member of the Congregational church (though now affiliated with the Presbyterian church), and for many years was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Albany. In 1889 the degree of Doctor of Law was conferred upon him by Colgate University. He is an honorary member of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and though his life has been largely devoted to intellectual labors, he yet realizes the value and importance of physical development and is very fond of outdoor sports, particularly horses, baseball and boating. He has traveled extensively throughout this country, and in 1899 he visited Europe, spending many pleasant hours in viewing the places of historic and modern interest in Ireland, England, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing our subject to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, has much human sympathy and an abiding charity, which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally secured for him the respect and confidence of men.

H J. WIGGINS. Prominent among the business men of Homer, Illinois, is this gentleman who has for many years been closely identified with the agricultural interests of the county, and is now engaged in general banking business. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he is connected a high degree of success.

Mr. Wiggins was born in Hocking county, Ohio, and is a son of Zedekiah D., and Lucinda (Haynes) Wiggins, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. In early life the father engaged in school teaching, but later followed the occupation of farming. When a young man he removed to Ohio, and there he and his wife spent their last days. In their family were ten children, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth. Seven are still living, three sons and four daughters, but our subject is the only one living in Champaign county, Illinois.

During his boyhood and youth, H. J. Wiggins pursued his studies for about three months during the winter season in a little log school house of Salt Creek township, Hocking county, Ohio, his education being completed at the age of seventeen years. He began life for himself by working as a farm hand in his native county for ten dollars per month, and was thus employed until he attained his majority. In 1860 he came to DeWitt county, Illinois, and secured work with William McCord, remaining with him two months. He was then in the employ of Joseph Wolf for a year.

In the meantime the Civil war broke out. Returning to his native state, Mr. Wiggins enlisted as a private in the One

Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but after two months service was taken ill and discharged. In August, 1863, he re-enlisted in the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, which was mustered in at Lancaster, Ohio, and sent direct to Camp Cleveland, where it was organized and assigned to the Thirteenth Army Corps. From there it went to Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, and later to Kentucky, taking part in the engagement at Mt. Sterling, Cynthiana and Saltville, where the regiment suffered a heavy loss in killed and wounded. Our subject was then transferred to Camp Nelson, Kentucky, near Frankfort, on the Kentucky river, as second lieutenant to help General Burbridge in organizing colored troops, but was under the immediate command of Colonel T. D. Sedgwick. There he remained from July to October, 1864, and succeeded in organizing a number of regiments. He was commissioned second lieutenant of the One Hundred and Fourteenth United States Colored Infantry, and with his regiment he was stationed for about two months at Camp Burnside to guard the line between Kentucky and Tennessee. About the middle of November, 1864, he was ordered to Lexington, Kentucky; from there to Cincinnati; and then up the river to Big Sandy for the purpose of advancing on Richmond. The regiment almost reached the Virginia line, but on the 1st of January, 1865, turned back to Big Sandy, and from there went to Wheeling, West Virginia, where they took the cars for Baltimore. At that city they embarked on a boat and went up the James river, landing at City Point. They joined the Army of the James under General Butler, and were in the general advance on Richmond and Petersburg, their division being the first to enter the former city after its surrender. Our subject's command was left at Richmond and he was placed in charge of the ordinance department. Later he went with Sheridan's army to Texas, and was first stationed at Brownsville, and later at other places along the frontier doing guard duty to prevent Maximillian, of Mexico, from crossing the border. Mr. Wiggins was mustered out at Fort Ringgold, Texas, in October, 1866, and finally discharged at that place.

Returning to civil life, he engaged in farming in Pickaway county, Ohio, for a period of ten years, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres. On the 31st of December, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Rosalie L. Eggleston, also a native of Hocking county, Ohio, and a daughter of Seth Eggleston, a life-long resident of that state, who was engaged in farming and merchandising at New Plymouth. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, were born four children, namely: Perley E. and Charles B., who are with their father in the bank; Nellie L., at home; and Henry, who died in infancy.

In 1877 Mr. Wiggins came to Champaign, Illinois, and after spending one summer in the city, he purchased two hundred and forty acres of highly cultivated land in Homer township, upon which he made his home until 1889, adding to it from time to time until he had six hundred acres of valuble land. He then removed to the village of Homer, having previously become interested in the First National Bank at that place. In 1888 he and E. F. Fisher purchased the interest of the other stockholders, the bank having gone into voluntary liquidation, and established the Citizens Bank. That partnership existed until December 31, 1897, when Mr. Wiggins became sole

owner, and has since served as president, his son C. B. as vice-president, and P. E. as cashier. As a financier he ranks among the ablest in the county, and the success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts. He is a straight forward reliable business man, who commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a member of the official board, now acting as steward, and was formerly Sunday school superintendent. He is also connected with Homer Post, No. 263, G. A. R., and was the first commander after its organization. Politically he is unswerving in his allegiance to the Republican party, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve as supervisor for eight years, during which time he was chairman of the board for one term. He also served two or three years as president of the village board, and was village treasurer for a time. In both business and social circles he is popular, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man, he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

ANDREW JACKSON PAINE, a well-to-do agriculturist, who has served as justice of the peace for over a quarter of a century, is a typical self-made man, and in the following record of his career there is much to arouse respect and esteem. He has placed his reliance upon industry and perseverance rather than "luck," and by making the most of circumstances, however discouraging, has made his way to a substantial success, his fine farm one-half mile north of the village of Longview being a tangible evidence of prosperity.

Mr. Paine was born in Grafton, Worcester county, Massachusetts, August 19, 1832, a son of Abial W. and Mary (Laithe) Paine, also natives of that county. His maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Sarah (Singleterry) Laithe. The father was a farmer and shoemaker by occupation, and spent his entire life on a small farm at Grafton, where he died in December, 1854, his wife, in May, 1855. To them were born ten children, as follows: Benjamin C. removed to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, when about twenty-six years of age, and later to Florida, where he died in 1876; John A. enlisted at the first call for troops during the Civil war and gave his life to his country, being killed while crossing the river at North Anna, Virginia. Mary A. is now the widow of George McKinstrey, and a resident of Danville, Illinois. Thomas J. was also a soldier of the Civil war, and died in the service. Francis N. remained in Worcester county, Massachusetts. Andrew J., our subject, is the next of the family. Four died in infancy or early childhood.

Reared under the parental roof, Andrew J. Paine attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and assisted his father on the farm. He also worked some at the last, though he never completely learned the trade, not expecting to adopt it as a vocation. In the spring 1856, at the age of twenty-three years, he came to Champaign county, Illinois, in company with his brother-in-law, George McKintrey, and family, and a Mr. Willard, for whom he had worked in Massachusetts. Mr. Willard bought land in Philo township, and our subject remained in his employ for two years, at the end of which time he made his first

purchase of land, consisting of eighty acres of raw prairie in Sidney township, which he broke, improved and cultivated for a few years, but was finally compelled to give it up, not being able to meet his payments. In 1868 he bought eighty acres on section 33, Raymond township, where he now lives. At that time it was only partly broken, and there were no other improvements, but he devoted his best energies to making it a highly cultivated and productive tract. In 1871 he had prospered sufficiently to add another eighty acres to his farm, making one hundred and sixty acres in one body. He has always engaged in general farming and stock raising, and the success that has crowned his efforts is certainly well merited.

On the 26th of April, 1861, at Sidney, Illinois, Mr. Paine was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Shackleford, who was born in Boyle county, Kentucky, May 7, 1827, a daughter of William and Sarah (Suddoth) Shackleford. From Kentucky her family removed to Hendricks county, Indiana, where the father died, and later moved to Paris, Illinois, where they spent one year, at the end of which time they came to Sidney township, Champaign county, locating here the same year as our subject. Mrs. Paine was one of a family of ten children, the others being Mrs. Catherine Campbell, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Leanah, Lucinda, Sarah J., James, George, Baylor and John, all of whom are now deceased. Only three came to Illinois—Mrs. Paine, Sarah and Baylor. The wife of our subject died June 2, 1898, leaving three children: Sarah and Leanah J., accomplished and refined ladies, who are keeping house for their father; and Benjamin C., who married Emma Reece, and is engaged in farming in Raymond township,

Mr. Paine still oversees the operation of his farm. His residence, erected in 1869, has since been remodeled and enlarged, and is now a commodious and comfortable home, conveniently arranged. He is one of the successful and substantial farmers, as well as one of the most highly respected citizens of his community. He has been identified with all enterprises calculated to advance the interests of his township; has served in the capacity of town clerk for fifteen years, and since 1872 has been justice of the peace continuously with the exception of one year. He has also been a member of the school board many years. Politically he is a Democrat in principle, and religiously is an active member of the Christian church, in which he has served as elder for several years. He is a quiet, unassuming man, upright and honorable in all the relations of felk, and is held in high regard by all who wnomihi.

GILBERT F. CANADAY. The career of him whose name introduces this review illustrates most forcibly the possibilities that are open to a young man who possesses sterling business qualifications. It proves that neither wealth or social position, nor the assistance of influential friends at the outset of his career are necessary to place him on the road to success. It also proves that ambition, perseverance, steadfast purpose and indefatigable industry, combined with sound business principles, will be rewarded, and that true success follows individual effort only. Mr. Canaday is now one of the most substantial citizens of the county, and is practically living a retired life in Homer.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Ver-

milion county, April 10, 1835, and is a son of William and Mary J. (Heyworth) Canaday, in whose family were ten children, namely: Julia Ann; Gilbert F.; Richard; Asbury; Matilda; Mary, deceased; two who died in infancy; Benjamin and Alice. The father was a native of Tenessee and one of the pioneers of Vermilion county, Illinois, where he took up government land and where he was successfully engaged in farming and stock dealing for many years, becoming one of the most prosperous agriculturists of the community. He owned several hundred acres of land. His father, Henry Canaday, came with him to this state, and was one of the very first settlers of Vermilion county. He was also an extensive land owner and successful business man.

The subject of this sketch is indebted to the common schools of his native county for his educational privileges. At the age of twenty-one years he came to Burr Oak Grove, Champaign county, where he engaged in farming and also bought stock for other parties for two years, after which he engaged in the same business on his own account, meeting with marked success in the undertaking. On coming to this county, he and his brother Asbury purchased a section of land in Ogden township, for which they went in debt, having no ready money, but before their notes came due the land was paid for. As his financial resources have increased, Mr. Canaday has added to his landed possession from time to time until he now has nine hundred acres of land in Vermilion and Champaign counties. Throughout his entire business career he has been interested in the cattle business, and by industry, perseverance and good management has become one of the most substantial men of the county. He has lived in Homer township since 1874, and has made his home in the village of that name since 1890. Although he is now practically living a retired life, he still superintends the operation of his farm.

Mr. Canaday married Miss Prudence Williams, a daughter of Daniel Williams, of Champaign county, and by that union had one child, Mary, who died at the age of eighteen months. The wife died in 1861, and Mr. Canaday was again married, January 1, 1866, his second union being with Miss Mary J. Jackson, a native of Vermilion county, and a daughter of James and Susan (Yapp) Jackson, who were natives of Ohio and New York, respectively. Her parents removed to Vermilion county in 1846 and took up their residence at what was then Dallas, but is now Indianola, Illinois, where the father followed farming for many years. In his family were two children: Mary, wife of our subject; and Sarah, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Canaday, as does also the mother. The father is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Canaday were born four children: (1) William died at the age of seven months. (2) Bertie died at the age of eleven months. (3) Gertrude F. is the wife of George Eggleston, a farmer of Ellwood township, Vermilion county, and they have one child, Mary J. (4) Edward, who is engaged with his father in farming and the stock business, married Gertrude Sites, and has one child, Franklin A.

In his political views Mr. Canaday is an ardent Republican, but has never cared for official honors. He is public-spirited and progressive, giving his support to all measures which he believes calculated to advance the general welfare. He is widely known and highly respected, and has a large circle of friends throughout Champaign and Vermilion counties.

WILLIAM R. CLARK is one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of Ludlow, who after a useful and beneficial career, is now living a retired life. There is an old age that is a benediction to all who come in contact with it, that gives out of its rich stores of learning and experience, and grows stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such is the life of Mr. Clark, an encouragement to his associates and an example well worthy of emulation by the young.

He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, March 9, 1822, and comes of an excellent family. His father, John Clark, a native of Virginia, emigrated to the Buckeye state when a young man, and was among the earliest pioneers of Harrison county, where he purchased a tract of land and operated it for a few years with success. From there he moved to Coshocton county, Ohio, and still later made his home in Knox and Champaign counties, the same state, his death occurring in the last-named county.

William R. Clark was the youngest of his mother's children, and during his boyhood and youth pursued his studies in the pioneer schools conducted mostly on the subscription plan in a primitive log cabin. On leaving home at the age of twenty-one years, he settled on a tract of land given him by his father, and to its cultivation he devoted his energies for five years. He then rented his farm and removed to Miami, in the western part of the state, where, with a partner, he engaged in mercantile business at Casstown, but a year of this sufficed and he returned to Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio, where he carried on a mercantile establishment for seven years. On disposing of his store he bought a farm near Cable, in the same county, where he followed agricultural pursuits and engaged in business as a grain dealer. In September, 1868, Mr. Clark came to Champaign county, Illinois, and purchased a tract of land on section 14, Ludlow township, which he operated for seven years. He then removed to the village of Ludlow and commenced dealing in coal and flour, to which he afterward added lumber. He was engaged in that business until the spring of 1881, when he turned his attention to the grain trade, and as a dealer in that product met with excellent success for a number of years, when his health failed and he turned the business over to his two sons-in-law.

At the home of the bride's parents in Wayne township, Champaign county, Ohio, Mr. Clark was married, April 11, 1844, to Miss Sophia Baldwin, who was born in Logan county, that state, in December, 1823, and is a daughter of Richard and Eleanor (Williams) Baldwin, both natives of Virginia. When a small child the father removed to Ohio with his parents, settled in Logan county, where he was later extensively engaged in stock raising and farming. He died at his old home in Urbana, Ohio, at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife, who survived him some years, passed away at West Liberty, the same state, at the age of eighty-four. Of their eleven children, six are still living, namely: Eliza, wife of George W. Cable, a lumberman of Davenport, Iowa; Luretha, wife of Joseph W. Johnson, and a resident of Cable, Ohio; Lottie, wife of J. M. Hunter, an insurance agent of Urbana, Ohio; Lenora, wife of T. T. Thomas, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Issac Newton, an engineer residing in Cincinnati; and Sophia, wife of our subject. Those deceased are Wilson; Emma; Clara, wife of Moses Taylor; Mary,

wife of Amos Wilson; and Watson, who died at Fortress Monroe during his service in the Civil war.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born five children: (1) Ella, born in Champaign county, Ohio, died in Ludlow township, this county, in the spring of 1869, at the age of twenty-two years. (2) Minnie, born in Champaign county, Ohio, is now the wife of G. W. Payne, a prominent insurance agent and real estate dealer of Spokane, Washington, and they have four children: Ella, Clara, Edith and Frank, three born in Ludlow township, this county; and Frank, born in Sullivan, Illinois. (3) Ida, born in Urbana, is the wife of John Jackson, a farmer of Spokane, Washington, and they have five children: Waldo, Winnie and Erma, born in Ford county, Illinois; and Clark and George, born in Washington. (4) Alta, twin sister of Ida, is the wife of William M. Hamilton, a prominent grain dealer of Ludlow, this county, and they had four children: Zoe; Neva; Ida; and Clark, who died at the age of three months. (5) Nettie, born in Urbana, Ohio, was married October 1, 1884, to E. A. Esltrand, an insurance agent of Ludlow, who is also engaged in the coal and and grain business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Hamilton. Mrs. Esltrand died in Denver, Colorado, May 19, 1893, leaving two children: Roy, now fourteen years of age, and Helen, six, who reside with their grandparents in Ludlow.

During the Civil war Mr. Clark enlisted, in 1864, in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Ohio Militia, was commissioned lieutenant, and served until September, 1865. In early life both he and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has filled the office of trustee of the church both in Ohio and Illinois. Politically he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and its principles. He was one of the first to subscribe for the Urbana Citizen and Gazette, which was established in 1843, and has taken the paper continuously since. He efficiently served as school treasurer for a number of years and has always been one of the foremost men both in social and business circles in his community, encouraging the march of progress and every enterprise tending to advance the welfare of his fellow citizens. He has ever been greatly interested in the temperance movement, and has been instrumental in suppressing the saloons in the northern part of this county.

JOHN N. BURR. The subject of biography, one of the honored sons of Massachusetts, and a prominent farmer of Philo township, Champaign oounty, Illinois, is pre-eminently a self-made man. He started in life with nothing but his own indomitable energy, and his accumulation of this world's goods are attributable to his good judgment, excellent management and untiring industry.

Mr. Burr was born in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, June 26, 1837, and is a son of Ames and Relief (Eager) Burr, also natives of the old Bay state. The family is of English origin, and our subject can trace his ancestry back for several generations. His father was a farmer by occupation and a soldier of the war of 1812. He died in his native state at about the age of eighty years. In his family were twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom three sons and three daughters are still living, namely: Franklin E., a retired farmer of Philo; Jane, wife of G. N. Rice, formerly a resi-

dent of Champaign, but now of Iowa; John V. our subject; Helen, wife of E. B. Hazen, of Philo; Arthur, a resident of Wichita, Kansas; Carrie, adnwife of Dr. Mandeville, of Philo.

John N. Burr, of this review, obtained his education in the common district schools his of native state, which he attended about three months during the year, and during the remainder of the time he assisted in the work of the home farm until fifteen years of age. Having a desire to see some of the world, he then left the parental roof and went to New York state, where he worked in a lumber camp and at different pursuits along the same line of business until twenty-two.

In October, 1859, Mr. Burr married Miss Jane E. King, who was born in Somset county, New Jersey, in 1838. Her parents, John and Elizabeth (Kirkpatrick) King, spent their entire lives in that state, and died on the old homestead. They had five children, three of whom are now living, namely: James,a resident of New York City; Mary A. wife of H. A. Belding, of Gloversville, New York, and Jane E. wife of our subject. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Burr, one died young. Those living are Marshall A. and Eugene, who assist their father in the operation of his land. The younger son married Minnie De Long.

For a year and a half after his marriage, Mr. Burr remained in New York, and then removed to McDonough county, Illinois, about 1861, locating on a farm near Macomb, where he continued to make his home until 1866, during which time he purchased two different farms which he sold at an advantage. In the fall of 1866, after disposing of his property in McDonough county, he came to Champaign county, and bought ninety-five acres of partially improved land in Philo township, where he engaged in farming and also carried on stock raising to a limited extent. From time to time as he prospered in his undertakings, he was able to add to his original purchase, and is to-day one of the largest land owners in Philo township, where he has six hundred and forty acres of valuable and well-improved land on sections 12 and 14, his home being on the latter section. He also owns a quarter section of improved land in Vermilion county, which he rents. He has done considerable tiling upon his place, and has erected thereon good and substantial buildings. He has made a specialty of stock raising, and by years of hard labor, perseverance and good management he has become one of the wealthiest and most successful farmers of the county. Politically he is not identified with any particular party, but casts his ballot for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. His son Eugene is a Master Mason.

DAVISON WHITE. Among the pleasantest rural homes of Raymond township is that of this gentleman, the culture and artistic taste of its occupants being reflected in its appointments, while a gracious hospitality adds a charm to its material comforts. His farm, consisting of two hundred and forty acres on sections 35 and 36, is one of the model places of Raymond township, being under a high state of cultivation and supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories needed by the progressive agriculturist of the twentieth century.

Mr. White was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, November 15, 1844, a son of

Samuel and Ida (Farley) White, the former a native of Greene county, Ohio, the latter of Virginia. His paternal great-grandfather was Nathaniel White, and the grandfather was John White, a native of Virginia. The latter married Polly A. Davison, for whom our subject was named, and who was born in a block house within seven miles of Frankfort, Kentucky, during the pioneer days of that state. Both were members of the Society of Friends. The maternal grandparents of our subject were James and Nancy (Ball) Farley, also natives of the Old Dominion. In 1833 they removed with the White family to Hamilton county, Indiana. For the past six years representatives of these families have met in re-union at the old homestead there, there being two hundred in attendance at their last annual meeting. In preparing a genealogical history of the White family they trace the family back to the landing of the Mayflower.

The father of our subject was fifteen years of age, when with his parents he removed to Hamilton county, Indiana, where he has spent his entire life as a farmer and still owns a valuable tract of land. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1863. By that union he had seven children: Lucinda, deceased wife of William Scott, of Sheridan, Indiana; Davison, our subject; Nancy J., wife of James Head, who lives on the old homestead in Hamilton county, Indiana; Levi, pastor of a Congregational church in Indianapolis, Indiana; Mary J., wife of John Clark, of Noblesville, Indiana; Rosella, wife of Dr. Lineus Baldwin, a physician of Horton, Indiana; and Nathaniel, a resident of Mississippi.

During his boyhood and youth Davison White attended the common schools of his native county. After reaching his majority he engaged in various occupations on his own account but made his home with his parents until the autumn of 1870, when he came to Champaign county, Illinois. After operating rented land in Newton township for two years, he purchased eighty acres of land on section 35, Raymond township, where he has since made his home. The land at that time was broken but no other improvements had been made. To its further development and cultivation he immediately turned his attention, putting in the first tile within several miles of him. He confined his operations to the cultivation of his first eighty acres until 1884, when he purchased another eighty acre tract on section 36, and has since extended the boundaries of his farm until he now has two hundred and forty acres. He has followed a wise and judicious system of farming, combining stock raising and feeding with agriculture, tacitly admitting the fact that even Champaign county soil has its limits of fertility and endurance. His farm is one that attracts the attention of the passerby by its neat and well-kept appearance, plainly indicating the supervision of a painstaking and thorough farmer. It is divided into fields of convenient size by well-kept hedges, enabling him to utilize the ground to the best advantage, and with all its appointments it may be properly termed a model farm, being one in a thousand in this county of good farms. In 1893 Mr. White erected his present elegant residence, which is in keeping with the place, and is furnished with modern conveniences. He has been interested in improving the standard of live stock in his neighborhood. In 1890 he commenced breeding shire horses and followed that pursuit for several years, at the same time raising a good grade of stock of all

kinds, and making that an important branch of his agricultural operations.

Mr. White was married, February 23, 1874, to Miss Virginia Quick, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, January 12, 1852, a daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Davis) Quick, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Virginia. She is one of a family of ten children, but is the only one living in this state. Mr. and Mrs. White have four children, namely: Fred H., who is now attending a commercial college in Indianapolis; Grace, Bert and Merle, all at home.

In public as well as private affairs Mr. White has exercised his propensity for having things done decently and in order. From 1891 to 1897 he served as commissioner of highways, and during his administration most of the iron bridges of the township were built, nearly all of the tiling of roads was done; and twenty-five miles of road grading was completed. He has taken an active interest in educational matters and for twenty-six years has served as director and trustee in school district No. 5, which he was instrumental in organizing in 1874. He had almost the sole responsibility and care of erecting the school building there. In politics Mr. White is a stalwart Republican, and religiously he and his family are prominent members of the Prairie Chapel Christian church of Douglas county, in which he is an efficient and active worker, serving as deacon fifteen years, and taking an important part in Sunday school work as teacher and superintendent. He is a quiet, unassuming man, but his life furnishes a notable and worthy example of what it is possible to accomplish by industry, energy and perseverance, directed by wisdom and sound judgment.

WILLIAM WALKER. This gentleman, who spent his early manhood in active business, and mainly in agricultural pursuits, is now living retired in Broadlands, Illinois. A man of great energy and more than ordinary business capacity, his success in life has been largely due to his own well-directed efforts and able management.

Mr. Walker was born in Nottinghamshire, England, June 6, 1836, a son of Elijah and Eliza (Barks) Walker, also natives of that shire. The father, a weaver by trade, followed that occupation throughout life, and died when our subject was but nine years of age. The mother survived him many years, but never came to the United States. In their family were four children: Alice, deceased; Frank, Annie and William.

William Walker pursued his studies in the public schools of Nottinghamshire until after the death of his father, and then learned the weaver's trade at Mansfield Woodhouse, following the same until his emigration to America at the age of seventeen years. Believing that better opportunities were afforded ambitious young men in the new world, he took passage on an American sailing vessel, the Juvender, which was six weeks in crossing the Atlantic, during which time they encountered one storm of four days' duration. Mr. Walker landed in Philadelphia and proceeded at once to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he boarded the steamer Keystone State, and floated down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. There he remained one year, working in a hotel at thirteen dollars per month, and took a boat up the river to Naples, Illinois, whence he proceeded to Jacksonville, Morgan

county, where he worked on a farm by the month until his marriage.

On the 1st of November, 1863, Mr. Walker wedded Miss Emma Russell, who was born in Leicester, Leicestershire, England, and is the youngest in a family of fourteen children, their parents being Richard and Mary (Siddonce) Russell, also natives of Leicestershire. When Mrs. Walker was eight years of age the family came to America and located in St. Louis, where the father died a year later. He was a miller by trade. His widow afterward removed to Morgan county, Illinois, where her death occurred.

Mr. Walker continued his residence in Morgan county for one year after his marriage, and then moved to Scott county, Illinois, where he spent six years upon rented land. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres of land, which he operated until coming to Champaign county, in 1876, when he bought a farm of one hundred and and twenty acres of partially improved land in Raymond township. To its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies with good results, and as his financial resources increased, he extended the boundaries of the farm until he now has three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on section 23, and eighty acres on section 25, Raymond township, all under a high state of cultivation. He also owns two houses and three and one-half lots in Broadlands. His son Charlie is now living on the home place. Our subject gave considerable attention to the feeding of stock for market, selling the same to local shippers. In March, 1900, he moved to Broadlands, where he is now enjoying a well-earned rest, surrounded by all the comforts of life, which have been secured by former years of toil.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walker were born eight children: George E., who married Maria Rose, and owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Ayres township; Louisa, wife of Joseph E. Potter, of the same township; Ernest, who married Nellie Bernett, and died at the age of twenty-five years, his widow being now a resident of Broadlands; Charlie, who married Gertie Massy, and lives on the home place; Alice, wife of Lon Cable, a telegraph operator on the Chicago & Eastern Railroad at Broadlands; Fred and Archie, both at home; and Walter, who died in infancy.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Walker are earnest members of the Christian church, and they are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them. Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, he has been identified with the Republican party, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. His interest in educational affairs, however, has been manifest by efficient service on the school board for nine years, and he has ever faithfully performed his duties of citizenship. A man of keen perception and unbounded enterprise, his success in life is entirely due to his own efforts, and he deserves prominent mention among the leading and representative business men of his community.

DAVID WALKER DRESSER, S. T. D., who for almost twenty years has been rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church of Champaign, is a native of Virginia, born in Halifax county, October 16, 1833, and is a son of Rev. Charles and Louisa (Withers) Dresser. The father was born in Connecticut and was educated at Brown university.

After his graduation he engaged in teaching school in Pomfret, Connecticut, and then went to Virginia, entering the family of Mr., afterwards Bishop Mead, as a tutor to his sons. He also studied for the ministry under the bishop and was ordained a clergyman of the Episcopal church. He was then married and served as rector of Antrim parish, Halifax county, Virginia, until after the birth of three of his children. In the spring of 1838 he came west with his family, traveling by means of private conveyance to Philadelphia; by canal through Pennsylvania to Wheeling, West Virginia; down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Illinois; up that stream to Beardstown; and from there to Springfield, Illinois, by lumber wagon. He had visited this region two years previously, journeying most of the distance on horseback, and had received a call as its first rector from the church at Springfield, which city at that time had a population of only about three thousand. The house that he erected there was afterwards sold to and occupied by Abraham Lincoln, and is now the public property known as the Lincoln home. For about twenty years he had charge of the Springfield parish, ("St. Paul's," now the pro-cathedral), and died in that city in 1865. His wife long survived him, dying in 1891, at the age of eighty-one years. In their family were six children who reached years of maturity, namely: David W., our subject; Thomas W., one of the oldest and most successful physicians of Springfield; Elizabeth, widow of William P. Thayer, and a resident of Springfield; Edmund, also a resident of that city; Samuel T., who died in Springfield in August, 1899; and Virginia, who also makes her home in that city.

Dr. Dresser, of this review, received his early instruction from his mother, and his first teacher was old Dr. Springer, of Springfield, Illinois. He attended the Springfield academy under Professor Esterbrook, and then entered Jubilee college (then widely known as "Bishop Chase's college"), where he pursued his studies, collegiate and theological, for ten years, and was graduated with the degree of B.A. He was ordained to the ministry in 1855, being made a deacon in the college chapel in October of that year, and was ordained a priest in 1857 in St. Paul's church, Peoria. He spent two years in charge of the church at Waverly, Illinois, and from there went to Carlinville, where he spent some time as rector. He was also connected with the Episcopal church at Chesterfield and had charge of a large parish or missionary district which covered the whole of Macoupin county, Illinois, where he remained until coming to Champaign, as rector of Emmanuel church, December 10, 1882. Here he has since remained.

On the 20th of November, 1861, Dr. Dresser was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Cundall, a native of Chesterfield, Illinois, and a daughter of John R. and Mary A. Cundall, who were born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Macoupin county, this state, in June, 1834. In his native land Mr. Cundall had followed landscape gardening; and here he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, taking up a tract of government land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies for forty-nine years. His brother-in-law, Thomas S. Gelder, was one of the first settlers of Macoupin county, having located there in 1827. He served in the Black Hawk war, and held a captain's com-

mission. Mrs. Dresser is the third in order of birth in a family of six children who reached years of maturity, namely: Elizabeth L., deceased wife of Israel Armitage, of Scott county, Illinois; Susannah R., deceased wife of S. T. Hopson, of Girard, Illinois; John R., a farmer of Macoupin county; Thomas G., a horse dealer and liveryman of Carlinville, Illinois; and William A., a farmer of Macoupin county. The father of this family died January 11, 1883, the mother August 7, 1868.

In politics Dr. Dresser is a conservative Republican, but at local elections he votes for the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the office regardless of party lines. He is a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 240, F. & A. M.; and is also connected with the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Saxa Rubra Conclave, of Champaign. He has served as chaplain of the blue lodge for fifteen years, is prelate of the conclave, and grand prelate of the Knights of the Red Cross in the state. He is also president of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal church in this diocese of his residence (Springfield) and is rural dean of the Bloomington deanery, which embraces several counties in this state. He is untiring in his devotion to the church, has labored unselfishly for its interests, and is highly respected and esteemed by people of all denominations and creeds, as well as those of his own congregation. In private life he is sympathetic and generous, extending a helping hand to the poor and needy, and is always ready to aid those less fortunate than himself.

SAMUEL D. RICE, a well-known and prosperous farmer, owning and operating one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 24, Philo township, Champaign county, Illinois, was born on the 21st of October, 1828, in Chesterfield, Hampshire county, Massachusetts, of which place his parents, Lyman and Miranda (Taylor) Rice, were also natives, the former born in 1800, the latter in 1801. Lyman Rice followed the blacksmith's trade, which he learned with his father, and also engaged in general farming on a small scale. He died in his native state in 1870, his wife in 1880. To this worthy couple were born seven children, of whom three died young. The others are as follows: Samuel D., our subject, is the oldest; George T. is married and with his family resides at Rice's Station, Minnesota, which place was named in his honor; Irving is married, has a family, and follows farming on the old homestead in Massachusetts; and Louisa L. is the wife of H. Bisbee, of Chesterfield, Massachusetts.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of his native state, and when young was employed in his father's blacksmith shop, remaining there until he attained his majority, when he left home and began life's battle for himself. For one year he worked as a teamster for a manufacturing company, and then found employment with a liveryman for two years. In 1854 he went to Iowa, where he purchased government land, but remained there only a short time, coming to Illinois the same year. After operating a rented farm in Kendall county for two years, he went to Bureau county, in 1856, and there followed the same pursuit upon rented land for a few years. He then rented his land in Iowa for an improved farm in that county, and successfully operated the same until the spring of 1881, when he sold his property there and came to Champaign county. He pur-

chased his present farm in Philo township, which at that time was only partially improved, and in its further development and cultivation he has met with marked success. In connection with general farming he is engaged in the stock business, raising and fattening stock for market.

In 1860 Mr. Rice married Miss Kate Bergstra, a native of New York, who died in 1863, leaving one son, Clarence A., now a successful farmer of Philo township, who is married and has two children, Catherine and Nathan. Mr. Rice was again married, in 1865, his second union being with Miss Martha E. Robinson, who was born in Chesterfield, Massachusetts, April 15, 1840, and was married there. Immediately after their marriage he brought his bride to his home in Bureau county, Illinois. They have no children of their own but have given homes to two deserving ones until they went to homes of their own.

Politically Mr. Rice is a strong Republican, but would never accept office, though he served as school director for a number of years, and has ever taken a deep interest in educational affairs. Both he and his wife are leading and influential members of the Presbyterian church of Philo, of which he is an elder, and in former years very active members in the church. They have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem them highly for their sterling worth, and are respected by the entire community. Mr. Rice is of a very generous disposition, the poor and needy always find in him a friend, and he gives his support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his township and county. He is a man whom the most envious can scarcely grudge success, so well has he earned it and so admirably does he use it.

ROBERT E. LEE JESSEE, M. D., a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Philo, was born in Crittenden township, this county, November 13, 1870, and is the eldest son and child of John T. and America E. (Bickley) Jessee, natives of Virginia, and representatives of old and highly respected families of the Old Dominion. The father was born in 1836, the mother in 1853. In 1869, shortly after their marriage, which was celebrated in their native state, they came to Illinois, and took up their residence in Crittenden township, Champaign county, where the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of wild prairie land. He at once began to improve and cultivate his place, and there made for himself and family a comfortable home. He followed farming quite successfully throughout life, and by his straightforward, honorable course won the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He was a faithful member of the Baptist church, and a Democrat in politics, a recognized leader of the party in his community. He served as supervisor two terms, was assessor several terms, and held other local offices in Crittenden township. He died in 1890, honored and esteemed by all who knew him. His wife is still living and continues to reside on the old homestead. Of the eight children born to this worthy couple two died in infancy. Those living are Robert E. L., our subject; Minnie, wife of W. T. Thrash, a farmer of Tolono township, by whom she has two children: Belle, wife of R. H. Ford, of Tolono township, by whom she has one child; and Grace, Clarence and Nellie, who are at home with their mother.

During his boyhood Dr. Jessee attended the district schools of his native township

and remained at home, assisting in the work of the farm until reaching manhood. Having aspirations for a professional career, he took a teacher's course at the National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1890. For two years he engaged in teaching school, and during the latter years commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Lamb, of Tolono. In 1892 he entered the Northwestern University School, of Chicago, for a four years' course, and was graduated from that institution in 1896, with the degree of M. D. During his residence in that city, he was married, in 1895, to Miss Myrtle E. Powers, who was born in Cook county in 1875, a daughter of Jay and Eve (Veeder) Powers. The doctor and his wife have two children, Bruce and Merrill.

Immediately after his graduation, in 1896, Dr. Jessee came to Philo and purchased the property and practice of Dr. J. M. Bartholow, now of Urbana. He began practice here in rather a limited territory, but success has crowned his efforts, and today he enjoys a good practice which is constantly increasing. The Democratic party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principals, and he is now serving his second term as mayor of the village in which he lives. He is also secretary of the school board, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen he takes a deep and commendable interest in everything which will advance the public welfare and promote the prosperity of the community. He does not, however, allow other things to interfere with his professional duties. Socially he is a member of Centennial Lodge, No. 747, A. F. & A. M., of Philo, and is a member of Mispah Lodge of the I. O. O. F., No. 364, at Philo. Religiously he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is on the board of trustees. Both as a physician and citizen he stands deservedly high in public esteem.

JOHN L. CAILEY. Loyal American citizens never weary of hearing the praises of the brave soldier-boys whose valor saved the Union at the time of its greatest peril, and if for nothing else than his fine army record, the name of John L. Cailey is thrice worthy of being handed down to posterity. But his entire life has been sincere and upright, filled with deeds of kindness and helpfulness to all with whom he has been associated, and he possesses the esteem of everyone.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, George W. Cailey, was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Ohio in the early part of this century, and in that state he died while the Civil war was in progress. His son, George W., Jr., father of our subject, was born in Highland county, Ohio, and there passed his youth. He learned the trade of a cabinet maker, and for a number of years prior to his death lived in Ross county, Ohio, where he married Eliza J. Parrott, a native of that section of the state. They became the parents of three children, namely: Mary E., who wedded Garrett Gulick, of Champaign, and died in Garden City, Kansas, in 1891; Fred G., who enlisted in the Fifty-first Illinois Infantry during the war of the Rebellion, and died at Bowling Green, Kentucky, while in the service; and John L., who was an infant of four months when his father died. The mother subsequently became the wife of David Clousen, and in 1854 they removed



JOHN L. CAILEY AND WIFE.

to a farm near Mahomet, on the Sangamon river. Their four children have grown to maturity, and are living in the west, and the mother died in 1857.

John L. Cailey was born near Lyndon, Ohio, April 15, 1842, and was reared by his maternal grandfather, who became a resident of this county in 1858. He located on section 30, Homer (now Ogden) township, and became quite an influential citizen there, owning four hundred acres of fine farm lands at one time. He died, as he had lived, loved and honored by all, having reached the age of three score and ten at the date of his death, in the summer of 1865. For several years our subject had taken much of the care of Mr. Parrott's property, and, under his wise direction, had mastered the details of agriculture and general business. He had been trained in the duties of citizenship and had received a liberal education.

While the clouds of war were gathering, Mr. Cailey eagerly watched the progress of events, and when the President's first call came for men ready to battle for their country, he responded at once, but, the quota being filled ere his name was reached, he was not mustered into the service. When the next opportunity presented itself, however, he was ready, and on June 16, 1861, he became a member of Company C, Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and for three years, three months and five days he served in the First Brigade, Third Division, Fourth Army Corps. During that time he shared the fortunes of his regiment, bravely and efficiently performing his duties, and participating in the innumerable hardships and privations which our brave Union boys knew in that terrible strife. Before the fall of Atlanta, on August 4, 1864, the commander of his brigade, General W. H. Gibson, addressed the gallant Twenty-fifth in the following words: "Men and soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, as your time of three years service has expired, and you are about to proceed to your state to be mustered out, it is proper and fitting that your commander should express to you each and all his earnest thanks for the cheerful manner with which, during the present campaign, you have submitted to every hardship, overcome every difficulty, and for the magnificent heroism with which you have met and vanquished the foe. Your deportment in camp has been worthy of true soldiers, while your conduct in battle has excited the admiration of your companions in arms. Patriotic thousands and a noble state will give you a reception worthy of your sacrifices and valor. You have done your duty well. The men who rallied under the starry emblem of our nation at Pea Ridge, Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Noonday Creek, Pine Top Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain. Chattahooche, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta have made history for all time and for coming generations to admire. Officers and soldiers, farewell. May God guarantee to each health, happiness and usefulness in coming life, and may our country soon emerge from the gloom and blood that now enshrouds it, and again enter upon a career of peace, progress and prosperity."

Returning home from the southern battlefields, Mr. Cailey resumed the care of his grandfather's homestead, and remained there until the spring of 1877, when he purchased seventy acres situated in section 24, St. Joseph township. There he dwelt for nineteen years, at the expiration of that

period going to Gray county, Kansas, where, as formerly, he devoted his attention to agriculture. Becoming well known and honored, he was elected and served as clerk of the district court of Gray county for three years. In 1891 he went to the vicinity of Fort Ridgeley, Brown county, Minnesota, and in 1893 he returned to Champaign county. For the past five years he has been clerk of the village, and in 1897 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he has held ever since. Always a stanch friend of education, he has often acted as a member of school boards and has been a trustee as well. Politically, he is an ardent Republican. Fraternally, he is an honored member of St. Joseph Post, G. A. R., which he aided in organizing. Of the twenty-seven charter members only three have answered to the final roll-call. For several years he was adjutant of the post and was its second commander. In his religious belief he is a Christian or Disciple, and has been a deacon and elder in the congregation, besides serving as clerk of the official board.

The marriage of Mr. Cailey and Mary M. Patterson was solemnized on New Year's day, 1865. She was a daughter of John K. and Catherine Patterson, who were natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. The father was one of the earliest settlers of this township, as he came here in the '30s, and here Mrs. Cailey was born, April 27, 1839. Of the six children born to our subject and his wife, three survive, namely: J. F., now employed as a telegraph operator at Tolono, Illinois; Maggie, wife of C. C. Current, of Brown county, Minnesota; and Florence, who lives with her father. The mother departed this life on the forty-second anniversary of her birth, in 1881. On the 27th of September, 1882, Mr. Cailey married Mrs. Martha Harman, widow of James M. Harman, and daughter of James and Mary Current. She was born in Henry county, Indiana, February 5, 1841, and was summoned to the silent land September 7, 1897.

ISAAC TURNER, who has recently removed to Gifford, was for many years actively identified with the agricultural interests of Champaign, and by the development and improvement of a good farm in Compromise township he has materially advanced the welfare of this locality. He was born near Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, February 6, 1830, and is a son of Joab and Ara (Johnson) Turner, natives of Maryland and Ohio, respectively. The father died on his farm in the Buckeye state at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother departed this life at the home of our subject in Compromise township, Champaign county, Illinois, in 1875, at the age of sixty-nine. In their family were ten children, of whom five sons are still living, namely: Johnson, a farmer of Fayette county, Illinois; Aaron, a farmer of Holmes county, Ohio; William, a coal miner of Ohio; James W., who was in the Union army during the Civil war for one hundred days, and is now a farmer of Jasper county, Indiana; and Isaac, our subject.

When our subject was only four years old the family removed to Coshocton county, Ohio, where he was reared upon the home farm and where he continued to make his home until twenty-one years of age, his education being obtained in the district and common schools of that locality. Leaving

home at the age of twenty-one, he worked on different farms near there for five years.

On the 8th of November, 1855, Mr. Turner was married in Roscoe, Ohio, to Miss Rachel Williams, a daughter of Lewis B. and Rebecca (McCoy) Williams, in whose family were five children, three children living, one son and two daughters. Another son, Levi Williams, was a member of the Fifty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Pea Ridge at the age of eighteen years. The father spent his entire life in Ohio, being engaged in farming in Coshocton county, where he died in 1857. His wife had died when Mrs. Turner was quite small. After her father's death she went to live with her paternal grandparents, James and Rachel (Bardell) Williams, with whom she made her home until after her marriage, their farm being operated by our subject for some time. He finally purchased the place and he and his wife cared for the old people during the remainder of their lives, the grandmother dying September 7, 1857, the grandfather in the spring of 1858.

During the first nine years of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Turner continued to make their home in Coshocton county, Ohio, but at the end of that time they sold their farm and came to Illinois, locating first in Carroll township, Vermilion county, where he purchased land. In 1870, however, they came to Champaign county, where they have since made their home. Until the spring of 1900 Mr. Turner was successfully engaged in farming in Compromise township, where he still owns a good farm of one hundred and eighty acres, all under cultivation and improved with good buildings. He is a thorough and systematic agriculturist, is energetic and progressive, and has met with well-deserved success in his labors. He purchased the A. P. Johnson property in Gifford, and now makes that village his home. As a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, he has ever taken an active interest in local affairs, and does all in his power to advance the welfare of his town and county. He has served as township treasurer for about twenty-two years; in 1878 was elected assessor and held that office for two years; and at the end of that time was elected supervisor of his township, all of which positions he most capably and satisfactorily filled. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Turner were born eleven children, namely: (1) Lewis, born in Coshocton county, Ohio, December 7, 1856, remained at home until twenty one years of age, and is now a prosperous farmer of Hamilton county, Illinois. He married Nora Rhubottom; (2) Harvey J., born in Ohio, May 31, 1858, married Jennie Craigmile, of Lagrange, Illinois, and is now engaged in mercantile business in Gifford. They have four children, Bessie, Alexander, James and Jean. (3) Paulina, born in Ohio, March 29, 1860, is at home. (4) Sarah S., born October 4, 1861, is the wife of John Craigmile, a farmer of Calhoun county, Iowa, and they have four children, Iva, Charles, Pearl and Bernice. (5) Aaron B., born September 27, 1863, is a farmer of Waren county, Indiana. He married Armanda Walker, of Gifford, Illinois, and they have one child, Walker. (6) Emma J., born in Vermilion county, Illinois, October 13, 1865, is the wife of William Piper, a farmer of Medaryville, Indiana, and they had five children: Isaac; Henry, deceased; Ethel; Dwight and Horace. (7) William C., born in Vermilion county, June 24, 1868, rents

his father's farm in Compromise township, Champaign county, He married Stella Keyes and has one child, Harley. (8) Ida M., born in Compromise township, September 3, 1870, died October 29, 1871. (9) Ina F., born March 30, 1873, is at home. (10) James H., born March 14, 1875, was a telegraph operator for the Illinois Central railroad at Delana, Illinois, but is now at home. (11) Elisha, born May 25, 1878, is at home.

DANIEL P. McINTYRE. There are no rules for building characters; there is no rule for achieving success. The man who can rise from the ranks to a position of eminence is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that surround his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly; and, when one man passes another on the highway to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. To-day among the most prominent business men in the southern part of Champaign county is Daniel P. McIntyre, president of the Bank of Broadlands.

He was born in Canada West, June 3, 1858, and is a son of James and Jane (McIntosh) McIntyre, both natives of Scotland, the former born in Argyleshire, in 1805, the latter in Inverness, in 1815. In 1820 the father crossed the Atlantic with his parents and located in western Canada, where he grew to manhood and was married. Being a British subject, he received one hundred acres of government land there, upon which he resided until 1864, when he disposed of his property and came to Illinois, locating in Douglas county, about four miles northwest of Newman, on what is known as the Ridge. He first purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he improved and cultivated, and later added to it until he owned six hundred acres, which for many years was considered one of the banner farms of Douglas county. The characteristic thrift and industry of the Scotch, combined with the progressive methods and opportunities offered in the new world made his life a success, and he carried on farming and stock raising on quite an extensive scale. He died at his home in Douglas county, January 7, 1892, and his wife, who preceded him, passed away March 10, 1890. Both were earnest members of the Baptist Church, and he was a Republican in politics. This worthy couple lived to celebrate their golden wedding in 1885, at which time their unbroken family of twelve children were all assembled for the first time in over twenty years, and they survived this happy event five years. Their children were Malcolm, Ann, James, Jane, John, Thomas, Peter, Angus C., Mary E., Janet, Daniel P., and Joseph.

The subject of this sketch was only six years of age on the removal of the family to Illinois, and upon the home farm in Douglas county he passed his boyhood and youth, his primary education being obtained in the local schools. At the age of twenty-one he entered the university at Lincoln, Illinois, where he pursued his studies for some time. On leaving college he engaged in farming during the summer season and in teaching school during the winter months for two years, saving his money with the intention of embarking in business for himself. Having accumulated some means he pur-

chased a jewelry establishment at Newman, Illinois, which he conducted successfully for one year, and at the end of that time traded his stock to A. B. Powell, Paris, Illinois, in part payment for a farm of three hundred and twenty acres just east of Brocton, Edgar county, Illinois, giving his note for the difference. He located thereon in the spring of 1888, and unlike many others he made a financial success of farming. He soon cleared the place of all incumbrance, and now has one of the finest and best appointed stock farms in that county. On leaving the farm in November, 1892, he came to Broadlands, Champaign county. At an age when the majority of men have scarcely begun the ascent of the ladder of success, he had by industry and judicious management reached a position that would enable him to retire from active business, but he chose instead to enter the commercial world, and organized the Bank of Broadlands, which was founded November 17, 1892, by Daniel P. and Thomas McIntyre and A. M. Kinney, our subject being chosen as the first president, which office he still fills. The bank was established on a sound basis, and under his careful management its volume of business has steadily increased and is recognized as one of the stable financial institutions of the county. It is also an enterprise that the thriving town of Broadlands could ill afford to lose, as it is in one of the most fertile grain districts of Illinois, and is one of the most important shipping points on the road. In connection with his banking business, Mr. McIntyre also represents all of the leading insurance companies, and still operates his large farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Edgar county.

On the 28th of December, 1887, Mr. McIntyre was united in marriage with Miss Nettie A. Cooley, the accomplished daughter of J. A. Cooley, one of the oldest settlers of Douglas county. She was a teacher of more than ordinary ability, teaching for a time in Scottland, Edgar county, and for several terms in the schools of Newman. Our subject and his wife have one child, Eva L.

Since coming to Broadlands, Mr. McIntyre has taken an active part in advancing the interests of the community. Although not seeking political honors or official positions of any kind, he has been a zealous worker in the Republican ranks, has served on the town and county central committees; has been a delegate to various state and congressional conventions, and in 1900 was chosen chairman of the county convention. In 1899 he was nominated without his knowledge and elected supervisor of Ayres township, and has served on the committees of ways and means, education and hospitals, and at present is chairman of the judiciary committee. He was also one of the three delegates chosen to attend the annual state convention of supervisors and county clerks held at Quincy, Illinois. He was one of the organizers and the second largest stockholder in the Douglas County Telephone Company. Fraternally he is a member of Apollo Lodge, No. 57, K. P., and the Uniformed Knights Commandery, both of Paris, Illinois; and also belongs to Broadlands Lodge, No. 791, F. & A. M.; Newman Chapter, No. 216, R. A. M.; and Broadlands Chapter, No. 416, O. E. S., of which his wife is also a member and has been worthy matron since its organization. He is also a member of the Hamilton Club, Chicago. Both in business and social circles and as a citizen he stands high and meets every requirement, manifesting a

commendable interest in everything that is calculated to promote the welfare of the community in any line.

MARTIN SCHEURICH is the senior member of the firm of M. Scheurich & Co., No. 128 Market street, Champaign, dealers in the Advance threshing machinery, engines, threshers, self-feeders, band-cutters, pneumatic and automatic stackers, also gasoline engines, duplex hay boilers, eclipse wind engines, second hand engines, hay, straw, grain, feed, hard and soft coal, and all kinds of field seeds. He is one of the most enterprising and enegetic business men of the city, and is meeting with a well-merited success.

Mr. Scheurich was born in DuBois county, Indiana, September 28, 1842, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Kimmelshew) Scheurich. The father was an extensive contractor, who constructed most of the railroad between Terre Haute and Indianapolis, then known as Rose's road. He removed to the former city when our subject was about nineteen years of age, and after a residence there of two years went to Montezuma, Indiana, where he constructed a feeder to a canal, and where he continued to follow his business of contracting for some time. During the early settlement of Minnesota, he located about thirty-five miles northwest of Minneapolis, and later laid out the town of Frankfort, seven miles from Itasca. After a few years spent in that state, he returned to Evansville, Indiana, and purchased a farm just across the Ohio river from Green river, Kentucky, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1860, until in the spring of 1861 he moved to Mattoon, Illinois, having traded his property for one section of land near that town. He spent three years upon his farm and then located in Mattoon, where he engaged in general merchandise, being assisted by our subject.

Martin Scheurich accompanied his parents on their various removals until his marriage, which was celebrated February 1, 1864, Miss Catherine Regan becoming his wife. To them were born twelve children, namely: Mary, now a Sister of Notre Dame, in a convent at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lizzie, bookkeeper for her father; Maggie, wife of W. Kline, of Colfax township, this county; Celia, wife of W. B. Walsh, of Sadorus township; Ollie and Amy, both at home; Monica, wife of Frank Tabaca, of Sadorus township; John E., a traveling salesman for the Advance Threshing Machine Company; Peter, who assists his father in business; Martin and Mary G., both at home; and Catherine G., wife of George Bloom, a well-known machinist, who is now serving as foreman for the McMillen Manufacturing Company at Evanston, Illinois. The children have all received liberal educations, Celia having graduated from the State Normal, and Catherine having graduated in music.

The first season after his marriage Mr. Scheurich raised a crop on the home farm, and sold the same before it was harvested. On the 14th of August, 1864, he started for New York, where he took passage on the steamer Northern Light bound for Mexico via Cuba, the object of the journey being to take charge of cotton manufacturing machinery for an English syndicate in Mexico, but on reaching his destination he found the country in such an unsettled condition as the result of the war, that he concluded not to remain, and, accompanied by his wife, he

boarded the steamer Golden City at Panama and sailed for San Francisco, where he arrived in October. After remaining in the city for three weeks, he accepted the position of foreman on a large ranch owned by a Mr. McKenzie, near Tomales, Marin county, California, in which capacity he served for one year at fifty dollars per month. The following year he leased the ranch, which comprised six hundred acres of land, and at the end of that time moved to Tomales Bay, where he rented a ranch of two thousand acres for sixty-five cents per acre. There he was joined by his father and brothers, and together they extensively engaged in the stock and dairy business, keeping a herd of two hundred and fifty milch cows, and finding a ready sale for their dairy products in San Francisco. They were thus engaged for three years and at the end of that time sold out for twenty thousand dollars. For a time our subject continued in the same business on a smaller scale, having a ranch of two hundred acres at Petaluma Valley.

In 1869 Mr. Scheurich disposed of his property in California and returned to Mattoon, Illinois, where his wife's parents resided. The same year he came to Champaign and bought two hundred acres of prairie land in Colfax township for sixteen dollars per acre, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for a number of years. On selling that place he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 1 in the same township, which farm he still owns, and there he successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until his removal to Champaign in 1897. He also operated a threshing machine, bringing into Colfax township the first steam thresher and traction engine, and was engaged in boring wells and acted as agent for various kinds of machinery. Previous to his removal to the city his son John E., had already become interested in the machinery business there. Forming a partnership with him, Mr. Scheurich bought his present property on Market street in 1897, consisting of one four-hundred-foot-lot and two business houses, which he now occupies. In 1899 he sold off his live stock, leased his farm and moved his family to Champaign. He is one of the most active and enterprising business men of the city, and in all his undertakings has met with most excellent success. On the 5th of December, 1899, The Entre Nous Coal Mining Company was organized, the incorporators being Dr. W. H. Zorger, Martin Scheurich and Charles R. Lungerich. The capital stock of the company is fifty thousand dollars, and they bought ninety-five acres of coal land at Muncie, Illinois, and an option of six hundred acres adjoining. Their main office is in Champaign. The mine now in operation has a vein of coal from five to seven feet in thickness, consisting of excellent coal which will be furnished to the public at a reduced price and to stockholders at actual cost. The company was incorporated January 26, 1900, and the stock divided into one thousand shares. Mr. Scheurich has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and has served his township as justice of the peace twenty-five years, school trustee fifteen years, and collector two years.

J. G. NICOLET, of the firm of Nicolet & Company, dealers in bicycles, repairs and sundries, with shop at factory at No.

26, North Niel street, Champaign, is one of the progressive business men of the city, and his ability, enterprise and upright methods have established for him an enviable reputation. Although he is still a young man his popularity is established on a firm basis —that of his own well-tested merit. He makes his home at No. 708 Illinois street, Urbana.

Mr. Nicolet was born in Champaign, November 14, 1870, and is a son of H. L. and Anna (Stout) Nicolet. In early manhood the father was engaged in newspaper work, and on his removal from Maryland to St. Louis, was connected with the paper there until his removal to Canton, Illinois, where he was also in the newspaper business. In 1868 he came to Champaign, where he was proprietor of The Union until disabled by a stroke of paralysis, when he retired from journalism and never resumed it again. Later he took an active part in public affairs, serving as justice of the peace for a number of years, and city clerk for several years. He died in Champaign, but his wife is still living and continues to make her home in Champaign.

Our subject is the youngest in their family of seven children who lived to maturity, the others being Anna, now the widow of Allen Allsbrook, and a resident of Chicago; Charles H., a mechanical and civil engineer for the Madison & Hagler zinc works at LaSalle, Illinois, one of the largest in the world; William H., bookkeeper in the American Trust & Savings bank of Chicago; Emma M., who lives with her mother: Harry L., commercial and financial editor of the Kansas City Star; and Arthur J., who is in business in Chicago.

The boyhood and youth of J. G. Nicolet were spent in the city of his birth, where his business interests still remain, though since his marriage he has resided in Urbana. He was liberally educated in the city schools, and at the age of nineteen accepted a position with the American Express company, which he filled for one year. He then entered the employ of the E. H. Sperry Cycle company of Champaign, remaining with them a year, and in 1893 established a bicycle business of his own at No. 3 South Neil street, which he carried on for a year. Subsequently he was connected with the Riley Cycle company, and since leaving their employ has been engaged in his present business at different places in the city, removing to his present location in February, 1898. He possesses a thorough and practical knowledge of every detail of the bicycle business, is well equipped for doing in a most workmanship manner all kinds of repairing, from mending a puncture to building an entire wheel, He also makes a specialty of of all kinds of fine repair work on guns, typewriters and delicate machinery of all kinds, and keeps on sale the leading makes of wheels. By energy, skill and determined application, he has established through his own efforts a successful and prosperous business which is constantly increasing.

On the 23d of February, 1898, in New Orleans, Mr. Nicolet was united in marriage with Miss Lulu Burt, and to them has been born one child, Clara. Socially Mr. Nicolet is a member of the Knights of Maccabees and the Royal Circle, and politically is a Republican, taking an active part in public affairs, and serving on different central committees.

WILLIAM FACKLER is one of the most progressive agriculturists of Tolono township, his property being kept under fine



WILLIAM FACKLER AND WIFE.

cultivation, and substantial improvements being added by him from time to time. Financially, he has made a success, and within a few years has advanced to a position of affluence by the exercise of the natural business talents with which he is endowed.

He is a native of Richland county, Ohio, his birth having occurred December 29, 1843. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Crall) Fackler, were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The father went to the Buckeye state in early manhood, and there successfully operated a farm until 1864, when he sold out, and removed to Champaign county, Illinois. Purchasing some land (that now in the possession of his son, Sylvanus) he improved it, erecting buildings and fences, setting out shade trees and an orchard, and making other material improvements. The thrifty, systematic manner in which he conducted all of his transactions was inculcated in his sons, all of whom became well-to-do business men. John Fackler departed this life in 1894, and his wife survived him only three years. Two of their nine children died in infancy. Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Lavenspire, of Ohio; Matthias is a well known farmer of the same state; John is a farmer of Crittenden township, Champaign county; Henry owns a large farm in Missouri; and Sylvanus, as previously mentioned, carries on the old homestead in Tolono township. Albert, the youngest, a resident of Tolono, is a teamster and drayman.

In the common schools of Ohio, William Fackler obtained a liberal education, and under his father's tutelage he learned agriculture, in its various details. When the Civil war came on, he enlisted in the Twentieth Ohio Infantry, serving for one year as a member of Company F, and taking part in the battles of Thompson's Hill, Fort Gibson, Black River, and the siege of Vicksburg. He was so fortunate as to escape all injury in these engagements, though he was often placed in the thickest of the fight. After he had received an honorable discharge he returned home and worked for his father for some time. In 1870 he purchased eighty acres of wild land in Tolono township, and assiduously set about the improvement of the place. He did considerable ditching and tiling, erected a convenient house and barns, and later bought additional land, until he now owns three hundred and forty acres of valuable land, situated on sections 4 and 34. Neatness and thrift are among Mr. Fackler's characteristics, and he has just cause for pride in the model homestead which he controls.

In 1870 the marriage of Mr. Fackler and Minerva Rush was solemnized. She was born in Pennsylvania and came to Illinois when young, her father later becoming a prosperous farmer of Crittenden township. George, the eldest child of our subject and wife, is renting land in Colfax township, and, as he is unmarried, his sister Annie, widow of George Barnhart, keeps house for him. Alexander married Miss Effie Clark, of Sadorus, and is farming in Colfax township. The younger children, Edward, Lizzie, Harry, Charles, Alonzo, Walter and Myrtle, are at home with their parents, who have lost one child, Daniel, who died in infancy.

The Fackler family is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church. Our subject is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Tolono Camp, and he also is an honored member of the Tolono post of the Grand Army. In his political faith, he is a Democrat.

R. BUSEY. The natural advantages of this section attracted at an early day a superior class of settles, thrifty, industrious, progressive and law-abiding, whose influence has given permanent direction to the development of the locality. Among the worthy pioneers of Champaign county the Busey family hold a very prominent place. They were the second family to locate within its borders, the first being that of G. W. B. Sadorus, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

R. R. Busey, who is now living a retired life in the village of Sidney, was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, April 29, 1825, and is the sixth child and oldest son living in the family of Matthew and Sarah (Fibel) Busey, both natives of Germany. With their respective families they came to America, the Buseys making a settlement in Virginia, the Fibels in Maryland, but after a short residence there both families removed to Kentucky, where the parents of our subject were married. The father was engaged in farming in that state until 1829, when with his family he emigrated to Illinois, locating near what was known as Big Grove, which then formed a part of Vermilion county, but is now in Champaign county. There he pre-empted land and when it came into market purchased seventeen hundred and sixty acres of unbroken prairie land. Indians still inhabited this region, wild game of all kinds abounded, wolves and deer were seen in large numbers, and the nearest market was Chicago. In those early days the Busey family lived principally by hunting, raising only what produce was necessary to supply their own needs, though about once a year they would taken a wagon load of produce to Chicago, where it was exchanged for the necessities of life, the trip consuming several days. Urbana was built later upon ground donated by an uncle of our subject as a town site. As the country became more thickly settled they farmed more extensively, and the father of our subject became quite a successful man. In his political views he was a Democrat. He died on March 21, 1864, at the age of eighty-five years, and the mother departed this life May 13, 1887, at the advanced of ninety-six years. They had eleven children, who reached years of maturity, namely: Nancy, Fountain J. and Mary, all now deceased; Jane, widow of John Phillipe, and a resident of near Mahomet, this county; Elizabeth, widow of Elijah Weaver and a resident of Fairmount, Vermilion county; R. R., our subject; John, deceased; Matthew, an invalid, of Urbana; Isaac, a prosperous farmer of Missouri; Sarah, deceased; and Melissa, wife of William Peck, of Ohio.

The subject of this sketch acquired rather a limited education in the primitive public schools of this region which existed during his boyhood. The school house was built of rough logs and the seats were slab benches. He attended school here only a short time during his early years, the remainder of his time being devoted to the improvement of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, when he went to live with a sister who had lost her husband, and made his home with her for four years, looking after her interests. The following year he worked as a farm hand, and then purchased a tract of land in Somer township, which together with some given him by his father made him a comfortable farm. He improved the rough, unbroken prairie, erected good buildings thereon, and made other necessary improvements. He finally dis-

posed of this farm of one hundred and sixty acres located north of Urbana, and purchased three hundred acres in Sidney township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he at once turned his attention. He tiled the land, set out trees, built fences and substantial buildings, and placed the land under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Busey continued to successfully engage in general farming until 1896, when he lost his home and its contents by fire. He then removed to the village of Sidney, where his son had previously erected a good modern cottage and exchanged places with him, the son taking charge of the farm and rebuilding the old home which he now occupies.

On the 13th of January, 1850, Mr. Busey was united in marriage with Miss Susan George, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, January 5, 1829, a daughter of Joseph V. and Nancy (Bradford) George, also natives of that county. She is one of a family of ten children, and the oldest of the four now living, the others being Joseph B., a resident of Gifford, Illinois; Daniel T. V., a resident of Missouri; and Taylor, of Champaign county, Illinois. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Busey one died in infancy. The others are still living, namely: (1) Matthew C., a resident of Somer township, this county, is married and has four children, Etta, Estella, Adelbert and Delilah. (2) Joseph V., an employe in the Big Four car shops and resident of Urbana, is married and has one child, Carrie. (3) Scott, who is in the coal and feed business at Kansas City, Missouri, is married and has one daughter, Mabel. (4) Tillman is married and lives on a part of his father's farm in Sidney township. (5) Arthur L., who lives at the old homestead, is married and has two children, Elsie and George.

Mr. Busey casts his ballot with the Democratic party, but has never been prevailed upon to accept office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is an honest and industrious man who merits and receives the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. His wife is an earnest member of the Christian church, and he contributes liberally to its support. As an honored pioneer and worthy citizen he is certainly deserving of prominent mention in the history of his adopted county.

THOMAS O. DARRAH, who has been actively associated with the upbuilding of Champaign county ever since the close of the Civil war, is well entitled to honorable mention among the pioneers and representative citizens of this section. He is of Scotch ancestry on his father's side, his great-grandfather having removed from the land of the heather and thistle to Virginia at an early day in the history of this country. There his son James, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1775 and married, and another son, Van, served throughout the war of the Revolution. James Darrah chose Nancy Kent for a wife, born in 1780, and together they went to Harrison county, Ohio, and engaged in farming when that locality was a wilderness. Later, he settled in Pike county, Illinois, and there passed his last years. Both himself and wife, who were active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, were buried in the cemetery at Hinman Chapel, where a monument was erected to their memory.

The parents of Thomas O. were John

and Elizabeth (Orr) Darrah. The father was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in July, 1810, and the mother was a native of Pennsylvania, and eight years older than her husband. She was a daughter of William Orr, whose birth occurred in Ireland. For many years John Darrah carried on a large farm five miles north of Delaware, and also managed a ferry on the river and kept a hotel. About September, 1839, he removed to Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois, and after renting a farm for five years he bought a quarter of section of wild land, three miles north of New Salem. Later, he purchased additional property until he owned four hundred acres, and was known as one of the well-to-do farmers of that vicinity. He was very devout, and his home was open to all of the ministers and brethren of the Methodist Episcopal church, particularly. In 1865 he sold his farms in Pike county and invested in half a section of railroad land in Pesotum township, paying thirty-seven and a half dollars an acre. He made many fine improvements upon this homestead, and subsequently divided his estate, giving a liberal share to each of his children. His wife died September 12, 1868, and on the 20th of March, 1886, he was summoned to his reward. He was a class leader and steward in the church and held the office of justice of the peace for four years. His seven children were: James W., of Tolono; Dr. A. T. Darrah, deceased; Lucinda is the wife of Joshua Curtman, of Douglas county: Jane is the fourth in order of birth; Matthew S. resides in St. Louis and William H. lived in Sadorus, Illinois, where he died October 26, 1894.

Thomas O. Darrah was born in Delaware county, Ohio, March 12, 1839, and was only six months old when his parents came to Illinois. He attended what was known as the Teneriffe school, located at one corner of his father's farm, during the three or four months' winter term, and at last engaged in teaching on his own account for a couple of winters. He came to Champaign county in 1865, and after his marriage settled upon an eighty-acre tract which his father gave him. Later, he bought twenty-five acres more of the old homestead and erected a substantial house, and, after paying for all this and other needed improvements, he bought eighty acres of his brother. By judicious tiling and ditching, he succeeded in rendering every yard of his property suitable for cultivation, whereas about one-third of it had formerly been under water at least a portion of the year. During his residence there he rarely was out of office, for he was alive to his duty as a citizen, and yielded to the earnest wishes of his neighbors when they solicited him to accept positions of responsibility. For twelve years he was road commissioner; for a long period served as school trustee, and for five years was supervisor. His influence ever was felt upon the side of progress, and in the discharge of his duties he gave perfect satisfaction to all concerned.

The marriage of Mr. Darrah and Arclissa Nelson took place December 1, 1870. Her father, Benham C. Nelson, was born born June 10, 1815, in Pendleton county, Virginia, and with his parents, Benjamin, born 1781, and Delphina Nelson, located in Ironton, Ohio, and subsequently removed to Anderson, Indiana. There Mr. Nelson died, but his wife, Delphina, who was born September 15, 1792, died at the home of her son, John Nelson, December 12, 1877. Benham C. Nelson married Lydia Smith, August 10, 1837. She was born in Gallia

county, Ohio, July 24, 1818, a daughter of John and Eve Smith. John Smith was born in 1790. The former died, when in his seventy-ninth year, in Perry township, July 5, 1869, and the latter, born in 1790, died May 20, 1863, in her seventy-third year, had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-nine years. Mr. Nelson settled in Douglas county, Illinois, in 1856, and at the time of his death he owned a splendidly improved farm of four hundred acres in Tuscola township, and another place of two hundred and forty acres. Nelson's Chapel, well known in that section, is situated on his homestead, and no one in that neighborhood was more zealous in the work of his denomination. He was summoned to his reward April 14, 1878, and was long survived by his widow, who passed away June 23, 1894, loved and venerated by all who knew her. Their son Henry died in this county, September 9, 1874. Winfield Scott, another son, born July 28, 1849, now resides in Kansas City, as does Cassius, whose birth occurred January 18, 1860. Philena, born October 2, 1851, is the wife of P. J. Gates, and lives upon the old family homestead of H. R. Nelson; and Familiar, born June 5, 1857, is the wife of Howard Gates, of Champaign. Mrs. Darrah was born in Lawrence county, Ohio, January 30, 1847. The children of our subject and wife are two in number, Mertie M., born May 4, 1872, and Sylvia M., April 8, 1878. The former is the wife of Grant Crawford, a prominent business man of Pesotum. They were married January 7, 1892, and have two children, Hazel and Mabel. S. M. Darrah, who received an excellent education, completing his studies in the Champaign schools, is a partner of his sister's husband, Mr. Crawford.

On the 9th of January, 1894, Mr. Darrah removed to Champaign, and now is practically retired. He owns a fine place of two acres at No. 613 South Randolph street, and has a comfortable, modern residence. On coming here, he identified himself with the First Methodist Episcopal church, and is a class-leader; and at this time all his family belong to the church. In former years he was never free from official responsibility in the church, but he now desires to leave this to the younger and more vigorous members. He served faithfully as Sunday school superintendent, class leader and steward, at the same time liberally contributing to the financial needs of his home church and the general work of the denomination. His record is that of an upright, honorable man, just and conscientious in all his dealings with his fellowmen.

CHARLES G. DE LONG, a well-to-do farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Sidney township, Champaign county, Illinois, residing on section 30, where he owns two hundred acres of valuable land, was born on the shores of Lake Ontario, in Oswego, New York, July 28, 1832, and is a son of George and Amelia (Farrington) De Long, the former a native of Duchess county, the latter of Herkimer county, New York. In early life the father first engaged in the fur business, and later was in the wholesale grocery business in Oswego, New York, until 1838, when he removed to Kenosha county, Wisconsin, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He owned and successfully operated a farm in that county for many years, but finally sold out and came to Illinois in 1888. After living

one year in Philo, he moved to the farm of our subject in Sidney township, and erected thereon a cottage, making it his home until called to his final rest December 31, 1893. He was a prosperous man who was highly respected by all who knew him. His estimable wife died in Wisconsin, 1882. To this worthy couple were born five children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are Charles G., our subject; Matilda, a resident of Sidney township, this county; Horace T., who is now living retired in Racine, Wisconsin; and James H., who served for two years in the Wisconsin cavalry during the Civil war, and is now living at the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm near Kenosha, Wisconsin, and began his education in the district schools of the neighborhood, though he completed his education by a course in the high school at Racine. Until twenty-seven years of age he remained at home assisting his father in the farm work.

In 1859 Mr. DeLong was united in marriage with Miss Edna Moore, who was born in Massachusetts, in 1840, and they became the parents of eight children, all living with the exception of Clarence M., who died at their home in 1895. The others are as follows: (1) George A., who for sixteen years has been very successfully engaged in the grain and agricultural implement business in Foosland, Champaign county, married Lillie Townsend and has six children living, Alton, Stanley, Mary, Charles, Willard, and Glenn; and Oral, deceased. (2) Charles B., who has been engaged in the same business at Fithian, Vermilion county, Illinois, for the past twelve years, married Minnie Berkenbusch, and has two children, Ruth and Clarence. (3) Effie is at home with her parents. (4) Minnie is the wife of Eugene Burr, of Philo township. (5) Clinton, a well-to-do farmer who owns and successfully operates one hundred and sixty acres of land in Colorado, is married and has had three children, Hazel, deceased, Oliver and Edna. (6) William H., a dealer in wagons, buggies and agricultural implements, also a grain buyer, of Sadorus, Illinois, married Lydia Lavenhagen and has one daughter, Edna. (7) Edwin is also a resident of Sadorus, where he is engaged in the banking business and associated with his brother in the grain business.

After his marriage, Mr. De Long located on a farm which he owned in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, and continued its operation until 1861, when he sold his property there and came to Champaign county, Illinois, locating on rented land near Philo, where he made his home for two years. In 1863 he purchased eighty acres of land in Sidney township of the Illinois Central Railroad Company on seven years time, and at once began to improve and cultivate the same. As a general farmer he met with most excellent success, and added to his farm from time to time until he now has two hundred acres of highly cultivated and well improved land in Sidney township, besides one hundred and sixty acres of improved land in Otero county, Colorado, near Rocky Ford. He always enjoyed good health until 1892, since which time he has suffered with rheumatism and has been forced to retire from active labor. He now superintends all of his land, but oversees its operation and keeps everything in good repair. He has made all of the improvements upon the home farm, has laid over two thousand rods of tiling, has planted orchards and also groves of shade trees, has erected good

and substantial buildings, and has made many other improvements which add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He is a thorough and systematic farmer of good business and executive ability, and the success that has crowned his efforts is well merited. Mr. De Long has always been a stanch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, but has never been an aspirant for office. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Philo, and are liberal supporters of the same.

CHARLES N. WRISK, deceased, was one of the most enterprising farmers and largest land owners in Sidney township, as well as one of its most highly esteemed and honored citizens. He was born in Ripley county, Indiana, in June, 1833. When fourteen years of age, he went to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he had a cousin living and there he found employment with a carpenter, and worked at the trade for two years, attending school whenever he had the opportunity, this being the first chance he had of getting an education.

In 1849 Mr. Wrisk went to Coles county, Illinois, where he found employment with a force engaged in building a new railroad through that section. With the money he had saved in Jacksonville, he purchased a team and wagon, and during the winter hauled ties for the construction gang. He also worked at the carpenter's trade when the opportunity presented itself, and he rented a small farm which he hired a man to cultivate. He was always willing to undertake any kind of work by which he could make an honest living, and by good management succeeded in saving a little money, with which he stocked his farm. He afterward purchased land in Sidney township, this county, though he continued to remain in Coles county doing anything which he found profitable until his marriage.

Mr. Wrisk was married, in 1860, to Miss Mary J. Ashley, a daughter of William and Sarah A. (Beever) Ashley, old settlers of Coles county, where their ten children were born and reared. Four of this number are still living. (1) Mary J., now Mrs. Wrisk was born near Charleston, Illinois, in 1843, when the country round about was nearly all wild prairie and the schools were very few and widely scattered. She therefore had little opportunity to attend school, and her education was mostly received at home. (2) Maria is the wife of Frederick Myers, a farmer living near Charleston. (3) John was a soldier of the Civil war when very young, and after his discharge was unable to do manual labor on account of ill health. He is now an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Danville, Illinois. (4) Frank is a representative farmer of Missouri. Mrs. Wrisk's father died at his home in Coles county in 1897, her mother in 1898. They were prosperous and highly respected people of that county.

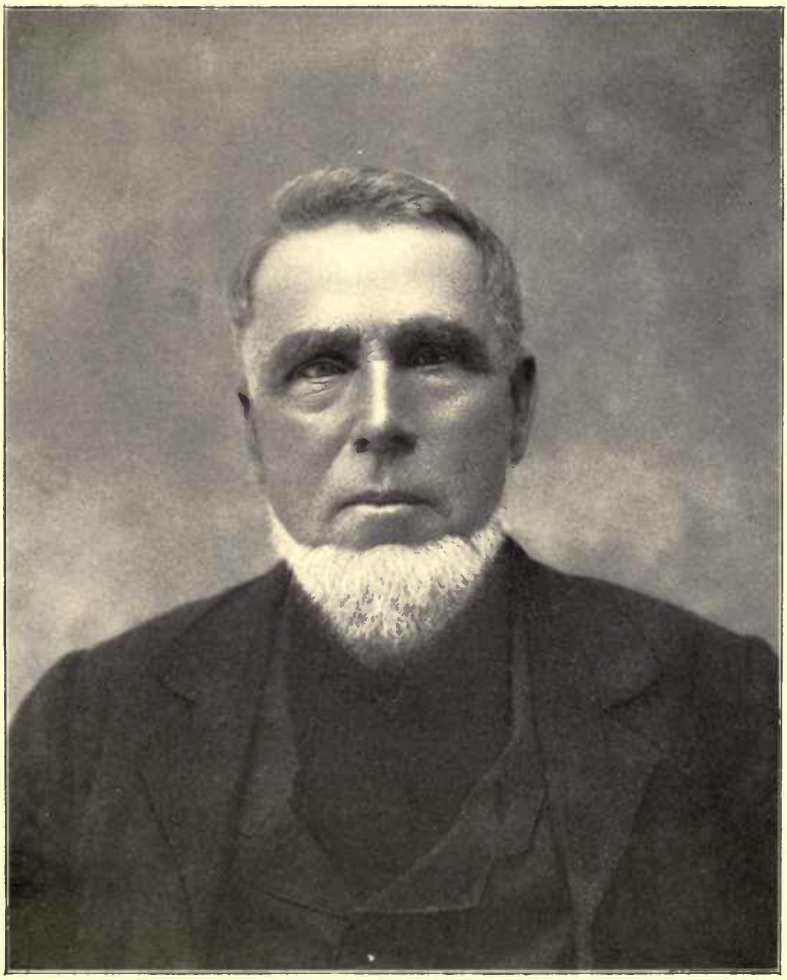
To Mr. and Mrs. Wrisk were born two children. Flora, the older, married William Swearingen, of Sidney, by whom she had two children: Daisy L., who is now attending school in Marion, Indiana, and is taking a special course in elocution; and Guy, who is attending school in Sidney. Both reside with their grandmother, Mrs. Wrisk. For her second husband Flora married Eugene Goldsmith, who is in the employ of an express company in Chicago, where they reside, and by that union she has three

children: Edith, Lillian and Violet. John F., the only son of our subject, lives in Sidney and manages the farms belonging to his mother. He is also a land owner in Sidney township, and is one of the representative and prominent young men of the community. He married Katie Morrison, a native of Arkansas, and they have two children, Morris Verne and Daisy P.

After his marriage, Mr. Wrisk operated his farm in Coles county for two years, and then sold his property and came to Champaign county, having contracted for forty acres of land in Sidney township on seven years' time. He broke his land and planted it in wheat. He marketed his crop the next year and with the proceeds finished paying for his land, receiving a discount. In this way he began a successful career in Champaign county. For four years he made his home in the village of Sidney before purchasing the farm, and worked at his trade of a carpenter. At the end of that time he built a small house upon his land and otherwise improved the place. He added to it from time to time by the purchase of forty and eighty acre tracts until in 1897 he owned nine hundred and seventy acres of well improved and valuable land. He did not actively engage in farm work himself, but rented the land or hired men to operate it for him, while he superintended the work and kept up the repairs in buildings, fences, etc. He had the land thoroughly tiled and placed under a high state of cultivation. He added to his possessions by judicious investments, and became one of the most successful men of the township. In 1885 he bought the home in Sidney now occupied by his widow, paying for the same fifteen hundred dollars. He always made a specialty of the raising and shipping of hogs and is said to have marketed more than any other man in the township.

In 1894 Mr. Wrisk suffered a stroke of paralysis, which necessitated his giving up all work, and though not confined to his bed was unable to go about. His faithful wife attended to his every want, and took all the care of him until his death, which occurred September 18, 1898, at his home in Sidney. He was very much attached to his home and family, their every wish being gratified if it was within his power. His record was that of a man who by his own unaided efforts worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His life was one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods he followed gained him the confidence and goodwill of the entire community in which he lived. Since her husband's death Mrs. Wrisk has added many improvements to the property left by him, and has carried out his wishes as far as it has been within her power to do so. She is a woman of good business and executive ability, and ever proved a fathful helpmeet to her husband. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and is held in high regard by all who know her. Although Mr. Wrisk was not a member of any religious denomination, he gave liberally to the support of church work, and took an active interest in educational affairs.

PATRICK McCOY, a retired agriculturist of Thomasboro, Illinois, is an honored representative of the early settlers of this county, and a true type of the energetic, hardy men who have actively assisted in the development and improvement of this beautiful and fertile agricultural coun-



PATRICK McCOY.

try. He is a native of County Derry, Ireland, and a son of John and Nancy McCoy. He had one brother, Thomas, who also died in Ireland.

It was the 6th of December, 1850, that Patrick McCoy landed in the new world. He remained in New York city and state until 1852, when he came west to Kokomo, Indiana. In 1859 he came to Champaign county, and in 1864 he took up his residence on section 10, Somers township, where he followed farming with marked success until May 4, 1897, when he laid aside active labor and moved to the village of Thomasboro, Rantoul township, where he has since lived a quiet and retired life. He married Miss Margaret Quinn, also a native of Ireland, and before leaving that country a son, John, was born to them. John married Elizabeth Somers, of Somers township, and to them were born eight children, six of whom are still living. They reside on the old home on section 10, Somers township.

Although Mr. McCoy met with some obstacles in the path to success, he steadily prospered, and to-day is the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred acres under a high state of cultivation. Some years ago he became involved in a long and trying litigation, and through no fault of his own lost a large part of his hard earned property. Notwithstanding this misfortune, he has by his untiring industry and upright dealings succeeded in accumulating a handsome competence, and now in his declining years is surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living. Although now about eighty years of age he still enjoys good health and is quite active for one of his years.

Mr. McCoy is a devout and active member of the Catholic church, to which he has ever been a liberal contributor, having subscribed largely to the building fund of two churches, and presented a bell to the church in Champaign and one to the church in Thomasboro, each costing five hundred dollars. He has recently purchased a monument for his burial lot in the Catholic cemetery at Champaign, the cost of which was one thousand dollars. He is charitable and benevolent, and has been especially generous to the children of his deceased brother, and lately sent a present of five hundred dollars to his niece. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and for some years held the office of highway commissioner in Somers township. He has always led a straightforward, honorable and upright life; has been looked upon as one of the foremost men in the community where he resides, and has the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, making many friends and no enemies.

JAMES W. CRAW, one of the most prominent and successful farmers and stock buyers of Colfax township, residing on section 26, was born in Greene county, Illinois, November 23, 1864, and is a son of Charles W. and Lucy (Rieves) Craw, the former a native of Franklin county, Vermont, the latter of Greene county, Illinois. His paternal grandparents were Allen and Lucy (Griswold) Craw, also natives of the Green Mountain State, born in 1798 and 1800, respectively. After farming in Vermont for several years, the grandfather, in 1837, removed with his family to Greene county, Illinois, where he began a successful career as an agriculturist, acquiring four

hundred acres of land which he fully improved. After a residence there of twenty-eight years, he sold his property and, in 1865, came to Champaign county, where he again invested in prairie land, and after overcoming many obstacles he made of the place a fine farm. As a farmer and stock raiser he met with most excellent success, and gave to each of his three sons a farm. His last years were spent in retirement from active labor in Sadorus, where he purchased a home and lived quietly until called to his final rest in 1887, at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife died in 1889, at the same age. This worthy couple were honored pioneers of Illinois, and with characteristic Yankee pluck and courage, they overcome all the obstacles in that path to success, and were able to give their children a good start in life. Only two of their family are now living, Samuel, of Colfax township, and Jane, a resident of Sadorus. In order of birth the children were George B., who was twice married, and by the first wife had one daughter, Mrs. Lochrie, of Missouri, and by the second two daughters, Mrs. William Odell, of Colfax township, and Edith, of Sardorus; Lucinda, who died leaving one daughter, now a resident of Independence, Missouri; Polly, who died at the age of eleven years; Charles W., father of our subject; Jane and Samuel, previously mentioned; and Edmund, who was born in this state, and was the first buried in the family cemetery in Colfax township.

Reared on the home farm, Charles W. Craw acquired in his youth the knowledge which in later years made him one of the successful farmers of Greene and Champaign counties. He owned a valuable and highly improved farm of three hundred and fifty acres in Colfax township, which he operated for many years, at the same time giving special attention to stock raising. He also owned and conducted a general store in Sardorus, and continued to actively engage in business until a short time before his death. After a successful career as a merchant and farmer, he passed away in 1889, honored and respected by all who knew him. His estimable wife still survives him, and makes her home in Sadorus. To them were born nine children, of whom the eldest died when young, in Greene county, Illinois; Fanny is the wife of D. W. Smith, of Sadorus; Nellie is the wife of Fred Geiser, a soldier in the regular army, now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; Sylvester, a hardware merchant of Cerro Gordo, Illinois, is married and has two children, Lloyd and Mary F.; James W., our subject, is next in order of birth; Elmer a farmer of Colfax township, is married and has one son, Charles; Lida is living with her mother in Sadorus; William, also at home, conducts a restaurant in that town; and John W. is married, and is a barber of Sadorus, a member of the firm of Sparks & Craw.

James W. Craw, whose name introduces this sketch, attended the common schools of Colfax township until seventeen years of age, and then entered the high school at Champaign, where he pursued a two-years' course. Returning home at the end of that time, he took charge of the farm for his father, and successfully carried it on until the latter's death. In 1890 he was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Cook, who was born near Litchfield, Illinois, in 1866, a a daughter of William Cook, whose sketch will be found on another page of this volume. One daughter blesses this union, Hazel G., born April 8, 1892.

Mr. Craw has continued to reside on the

old homestead, and in its operation has met with marked success. During the winter months, for the past seven years, he has engaged in buying stock of all kinds for shipment to the Chicago market, and in this undertaking has also prospered. In politics he is an ardent Republican; has been a member of the township central committee ten years; and is now a member of the county central committee. He has been a delegate to nearly all the local conventions of his party, and one year was a delegate to the state convention. In 1892 and 1893 he was supervisor of his township, being at that time the youngest member of the board. He also served as assessor two years; has been school director six years, and has been elected for a third term. He has been clerk of the school board, and is now pathmaster of his district. He is quite a prominent and active worker for his party's interests, and though living in a Democratic township, he has been honored by his fellow citizens with several official positions, the duties of which he has most faithfully and satisfactorily discharged. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a liberal supporter of the same.

HENRY TROWBRIDGE JONES, instructor in the forge shop and engineering department of the University of Illinois, at Champaign, is a man whose skill in mechanical lines and sound judgment have been important factors in his success. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties have been performed with the greatest care, and business interests have been so managed as to win him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort.

Mr. Jones was born in Repton, Derbyshire, England, March 5, 1838. His father, John Jones, was born in Leicestershire, in 1805, near the site of the historical "Bosworth field" and the estate of Lord Byron. His ancestors were members of the British army, and his nephews participated with credit in the Crimean war. On account of his parents dying young, John Jones was reared by his father's sister and her husband, Peter Bamford, of Repton, England, who were active dissenters from the Church of England, building and donating to the new sect the chapel and parsonage of their native town and supporting the same during their life time. Their nephew, John Jones, shared his relatives religious belief and became a stanch Congregationalist, filling the office of deacon in the same church until his removal to America with his family in August, 1856. He succeeded to the business of his uncle—that of general blacksmithing and dealing in hardware, employing in the former enterprise several journeymen and apprentices, so called. He was married in 1836 to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who died in 1848, leaving four children, namely: Sarah, who married A. Millett, of Springdale, Iowa, and died in 1879; Henry, the subject of this sketch, Fannie, wife of S. Richards, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Lizzie, widow of C. Stamp, of Rankin, Illinois. For his second wife the father married Mrs. Ann Bourne, by whom he had two children: John C., who died November 13, 1870; and Mary Ann, wife of J. Morrison, living near Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Henry T. Jones, the only living son of John Jones, and the subject of this article, received his early education in the schools

of his native town. Having a taste for mechanics he entered his father's establishment at about the age of fifteen years. He took a lively interest in the trade and learned rapidly under the tutorship of his father. Later he went to London to complete his technical training, and soon afterward secured a position as chief engineer in a hydropathic establishmeut at Sudbrook, a suburb of London. That position he held until he decided to try his fortune in a new world, so emigrated with his parents to America in August, 1856, locating first near Iowa City, Iowa, among the Friends or Quakers, through whose neighborhood ran the famous underground railroad. There the Jones family obtained their first idea of the evils of slavery, and soon espoused the cause of abolition. This sentiment was deepened by the sojourn of the illustrious John Brown in that vicinity during the winter of 1856-7. The following winter several of Brown's afterward famous "sixteen" also wintered in that section, and during the time stirred the country with their speeches against slavery. Among these patriots was Richard Realf, of England, an ex-attache of the Byron household, afterward the brilliant poet and journalist, having, like Lord Byron, the same love of liberty in his soul. He war a frequent guest at the Jones home, where mutual reminiscences of the mother country filled the hours. Old John Brown, himself, taciturn and brave, often stopped at the Jones shop, and a warm friendship sprang up between the men.

In the fall of 1858 the Jones family came to Illinois having purchased a tract of land in Vermilion county, near the present site of Rankin, where they conducted business in their line in connection with farming until 1859, when our subject launched out for himself at Blue Grass, Illinois, a town near Rankin. Here while working at his trade, Mr. Jones invented the double cultivator which he never patented, but is credited with the invention. In the fall of 1859 he won first premium at the Vermilion County Fair for making the best horseshoes, though he was only twenty-one years of age at that time.

Mr. Jones was married, September 10, 1861, to Miss Susan Belle Lionberger, who was born in Luray, Virginia, December 21, 1844, and had come to Illinois about that time, her family having political preference for the north during those stormy days in her native state. Her immediate relatives were noted for their adherence to the Union during the existence of the Confederacy, her cousin, John Lionberger, a member of Congress from Virginia, standing solidly by the Union in opposition to his constituency, preferring deposition to sacrifice of principle. His nephew, Isaac Lionberger, of St. Louis, became assistant secretary of the interior under President Cleveland. Mrs. Jones' parents were David and Emily (Skidmore) Lionberger, the former born in November, 1817, the latter June 27, 1824. Her father died September 10, 1857, and in 1861 her mother married William Chenoweth, of Champaign, who died October 2, 1869. She was again married, September 18, 1877, her third husband being James Davis, who died May 18, 1880. By her first union she had six children as follows: Samuel, born September 17, 1842, died in the service of his country, September 25, 1862; Susan Belle, wife of our subject, is next in order of birth; Jennie S., born April 14, 1847, is the wife of T. E. Mullin, of Champaign; Vannie, born March 5, 1849, is the wife of G. C. Spencer, a tobacconist of St. Louis, Mis-

souri; Calvin, born July 10, 1851, is a farmer of Cumberland county, Illinois; and Clarence, born March 13, 1856, is also a tobacconist of St. Louis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born three children: Emma T., born August 7, 1862, is the wife of P. T. Spence, a conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, living in Zanesville, Ohio; John T., born March 16, 1865, died February 24, 1883; and Grace T., born November 29, 1869, is the wife of A. L. Marion, money clerk at the city office of the Adams Express Company in St. Louis.

In 1863 Mr. Jones purchased a farm near Rankin, Illinois, upon which he located, and in conjunction with farming he conducted a general blacksmithing business and also manufactured wagons, agricultural implements and farmers' supplies. In November, 1872, he removed his business to the town of Rankin, retaining the farm and carrying on the business until September, 1881, when he sold the latter and moved his family to Champaign. Here he was connected with the Robinson & Burr machine shops until he entered the University of Illinois in 1893 as instructor in the forge shop and engineering department of the institution. His work consists of instruction in the characteristics of iron and steel, their process of formation, resistance of same as material, and the commercial and industrial value of each in applied mechanics. He has ever taken a kindly interest in instructing students, and has most capably and satisfactorily filled his present responsible position.

Politically Mr. Jones is a Republican. He has been a deacon in the Baptist church for over twenty years, and has always taken a warm interest in the cause of Christianity and reform. He was licensed to preach by his home church in 1870, but has never used the privilege to any great extent. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

JESSE H. CLARK, a leading citizen and progressive agriculturist of Colfax township, Champaign county, residing on section 12, is a native of Illinois, his birth occurring in Kendall county, in 1858. His parents, William and Charlotte E. (Hall) Clark, were both natives of Clinton county, Pennsylvania, the former born in 1827, the latter in 1832, and there the father successfully engaged in farming until 1856, when he came to Illinois, which was then considered the far west. He purchased a farm in Kendall county, which he fully improved and operated for eighteen years. Success attended his well-directed efforts, and on selling that place he went to Virginia, where he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land covered with yellow pine timber, to the cutting of which he devoted his energies for nine months, but at the end of that time, having a chance to sell his land at an advantage, he disposed of the same and returned to Illinois in 1875, this time locating in Colfax township, Champaign county. Here he purchased the south half of section 12, which at that time was only partially improved, and paid for the same twenty dollars per acre. Under his able management the farm was soon placed under a high state of cultivation and otherwise improved by the erection of a good set of farm buildings. He continued to en-

gage in mixed farming until 1892, when he turned over the management of the farm to our subject, and purchased a home in Decatur, where he now resides. To keep in touch with his friends, he embarked in the insurance business, which he has since successfully carried on. He is enterprising and energetic, and the prosperity that he has achieved is certainly well-merited. As a Republican, he has always taken quite an active and prominent part in local politics, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. On leaving the farm he was serving as treasurer of the school board of Colfax township, having always taken a commendable interest in keeping up good schools. His children are E. Howard, a native of Pennsylvania, and now a successful farmer of Kansas, who is married and has two children: Jesse H., our subject; Minnie, at home with her parents in Decatur; Emma, a bookkeeper for a firm in the Marquette building, Chicago; and and Nellie, bookkeeper for the Art Marble Works of the same city. Both are talented young ladies.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of Kendall and Champaign counties, and has spent his entire life on the home farm engaged in agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he rented a part of the farm, and when his father moved to Decatur he assumed control of the whole place. He has made a specialty of the raising of grain, and in his labors has met with well-deserved success. Since taking charge of the farm he has fully tiled the land, and in 1899 laid eight car-loads of tile, although hundreds of dollars had previously been expended in draining the land.

In 1888 Mr. Clark married Miss Mattie Smith, who was born near New Philadelphia, Ohio, in 1868, a daughter of Thomas C. and Sarah A. Smith. The father, who was an Ohioan by birth, spent his last days in Kansas, where his death occurred, but the mother is still living at their home in Claflin, that state. He was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Clark is the second of their four children, the others being Flavius G., Ocie, wife of William Jones, and Dillie A., wife of Ulysses Hardten. Our subject and his wife had six children, of whom Bessie died in infancy. Those living are Floyd J., Everett H., Nora C., Elsie H. and Florence.

Politically Mr. Clark is identified with the Republican party, and socially is connected with the Modern Woodmen Camp of Tolono. He is an active and influential member of the Prairieview Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder, while his wife belongs to the same church. He is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JAMES A. TALBOTT. The splendid farm owned by this gentleman in Harwood township is a standing monument to his industry, perseverance and good management. He comes under the category of self-made men, as his success in life is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. Throughout life he has devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, and now makes his home on section 25, Harwood township, Champaign county, Illinois.

Mr. Talbott was born in Tucker county, West Virginia, October 16, 1844, and is a son of Benjamin J. and Sarah (Parsons) Talbott, also natives of that state. His maternal grandfather was James Parsons, a

wealthy farmer, slave holder and cattle raiser of Tucker county, where he owned a large amount of property. Our subject was reared on the home farm and attended the subscription schools of the district, remaining at his birthplace until twenty years of age. In 1865 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Vermilion county, Illinois, where the father died a year later. The mother died in 1879, while visiting in California. Our subject is the fourth in order of birth in their family of nine children, six of whom are still living, five sons and one daughter: Abraham P. and John W. are still engaged in farming in Vermilion county; George T. follows the same pursuit near Fort Scott, Kansas; David P. is a farmer of California; and Anjoreta is the wife of George Hessler, a retired farmer of Danville, Vermilion county, Illinois, by whom she has had four children: Laura, Ackerson, Lloyd and Leonidas, deceased.

On locating in Vermilion county, James A. Talbott purchased a small farm in Middlefork township, where he operated for about five years. He was married, February 11, 1875, in Champaign county, to Miss Ruth A. Lefever, a daughter of John and Mary (Arbuckle) Lefever. Her father was a prosperous farmer of this county, where both parents died, and her death occurred at the home of our subject in Harwood township, October 30, 1889. By that union were born four children: Charles B., born in Harwood township, January 11, 1878, is a farmer residing at home; Lucy A., born August 23, 1879, is the wife of Emanuel Rowe, a farmer of Harwood township, and they have one child; Frank W., born March 25, 1884, and Earl P., born July 25, 1887, are both at home. Mr. Talbott was again married, June 28, 1892, his second union being with Mrs. Eliza J. (Lipes) Lefever, who was born in Ohio, June 10, 1855. Her first husband, Isaac Lefever, was a farmer of Champaign county, where he died about sixteen years ago, leaving her with two children: Minnie A., born in this county, October 2, 1879, is now the wife of Lewis Smith, a farmer of Kerr township; and Ross W., born January 11, 1882, assists our subject in the operation of his farm. By his second marriage Mr. Talbott has no children.

After his first marriage he moved to Ford county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming for two years, and in 1877 came to Champaign county, purchasing a small farm in Harwood township, which he operated for five years. At the end of that time he bought his present farm of six hundred and forty acres, to the improvement and cultivation of which he has since devoted his energies, transforming it into one of the most desirable places of this section of the county. Starting in life for himself without means, he has by persistent industry, good management and untiring energy become one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens of the community. In his political views he is a Democrat, and has most efficiently served as a school director for the past ten years. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist church, and he is held in the highest respect and esteem by all who know him.

CHARLES H. BALDWIN, proprietor of a livery stable in Sadorus, is one of the wide-awake, progressive young business men of that section. He is a native of Champaign county, born in Pesotum town-

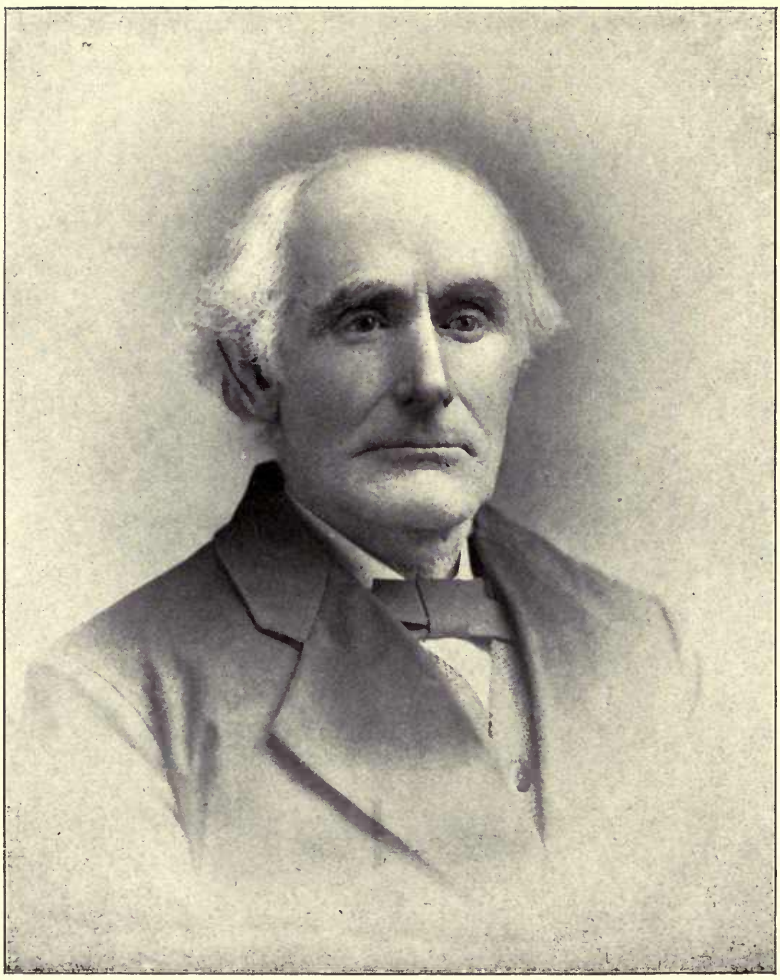
ship, March 7, 1874, and is a son of Clarence L. Baldwin, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Our subject received his education in the common schools of Pesotum township, and remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age when he went to Chicago and entered the Polytechnic school, where he pursued a commercial course, graduating in 1894.

On his return home, Mr. Baldwin worked on the farm for one year, and in 1897 purchased an interest, with Jesse Bentley, in the livery stable business at Sadorus. After this partnership had existed about eighteen months, Cyrus Craw bought Mr. Bentley's interest, the firm becoming Baldwin & Craw. In March, 1900, our subject purchased Mr. Craw's interest and is now carrying on the business alone with marked success, receiving a liberal patronage. He is enterprising, energetic and reliable, and stands high in the esteem of his business associates and fellow citizens. In politis he is an ardent Republican.

Mr. Baldwin was married, in January, 1898, to Miss Grace Burns, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of Aaron and Mary Burns, now residents of Sadorus. By this union has been born one child, Alta.

ELI H. DICK, deceased, was for many years one of the best known and most extensive farmers and land owners of Champaign county, his home being in the village of Philo for the past eighteen years. He was born on a farm in Baltimore county, Maryland, August 15, 1822, and was a son of Adam and Temperance (Wadlow) Dick, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of England. From Maryland the family removed to Ohio, and later to Montgomery county, Indiana, where the parents spent their last days. For a number of years the father engaged in general farming, and in that occupation was very successful. He had four children, of whom two died when young. The only one now living is Elizabeth, widow of Levi Curtis. She resides on the old homestead in Montgomery county, Indiana.

Our subject, who completes the family, attended the common schools of his native state, and was fifteen years of age when, with his parents, he removed to Ohio, where the following three years were passed, a part of the time being devoted to his education. The family then removed to Montgomery county, Indiana, and he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-six years of age. He was married in Montgomery county, in 1847, to Miss Jane P. Meharry, a daughter of Thomas and Unity (Patton) Meharry, who are mentioned more fully in the sketch of William Meharry on another page in this volume. Mrs. Dick was born in Fountain county, Indiana, February 18, 1829, and by her marriage became the mother of three children: (1) Ellen married R. N. Cording, of Montgomery county, Indiana, and died leaving one son, Eli J., still a resident of that county. (2) Jesse Newton, born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, December 7, 1857, received a common-school education and remained at home until his marriage, which was celebrated April 15, 1879, Miss Harriet Luse becoming his wife. She was born near Pleasant Hill, Indiana, February 22, 1857. They have two children: Pearl, now the wife of Mark Maddux, by whom she has one child; and Elma Jane. J. N. Dick engaged in farming in Philo township



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until 1892, and since then has practically lived retired in the village of Philo. He is a Democrat in politics but has never been an aspirant for office. (3) Emaline Smith, the second child, died at the age of four years.

After his marriage Mr. Dick located upon a farm in Montgomery county, Indiana, which he had previously purchased, and in its operation he met with marked success. He added to his possessions until he became one of the largest land owners in his section of the county, and for several years he continued to devote his time and attention to the improvement and cultivation of his property there, carrying on general farming and stock-raising. On the 5th of April, 1878, he and his family came to Champaign county, Illinois, having the year previously purchased a large farm in Crittenden township, comprising four hundred and eighty acres; he then purchased the north half of section 20, Philo township, which at that time was only partially improved. He at once began building fences and breaking the soil for his crops. He added to his land another three hundred and twenty acres in Philo township and two hundred acres in Urbana township. Although he removed to the village of Philo in 1880, he continued to superintend the operation of his land, and was thus actively engaged in business up to the time of his death, which occurred January 31, 1897.

In politics Mr. Dick was a Democrat, and an ardent worker for his party, but would never accept office, believing others better suited for that work. He always interested himself in anything that would advance the welfare of his town or the people's interests; was popular socially, and was a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Philo Methodist Episcopal church. His integrity stands an unquestioned fact in his history; endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate, discriminating mind, he feared not the laborious attention to business so necessary to success, and this essential quality was guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment only of the means that would bear the most rigid examination and by a fairness of intention that neither sought nor required disguise.

JOSEPH T. ROBERTS, an active prominent and enterprising citizen of Colfax township, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 13, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Osey E. (Morgan) Roberts, also natives of the Keystone state, where for several generations the ancestors of our subject have made their home. The father owned land there and followed the occupation of a farmer. In 1868 he brought his family to Champaign county, Illinois, and took up his residence in Tolono township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he improved and successfully operated until his death in 1877, dying from overwork and exposure. His wife, who still survives him, moved to Champaign in 1888, and there she continues to make her home with her two daughters. In the family were thirteen children, those living being Mary, wife of William J. Cross, a carpenter and builder of Champaign; Joseph T., our subject; Lydia A., wife of E. Tenbrink, a farmer of Boone county, Iowa; Sarah E. and Flora P., who live with their mother in Champaign; and Fannie E., wife of D. E.

Harris, a confectioner of that city. Several of the children died at the old home in Pennsylvania when young, and the others died in this county after reaching maturity.

Our subject received his education in the common schools of this county, and under the direction of his father he early acquired an excellent knowledge of agriculture. After the death of his father he assumed the management of the home farm and supported his mother and sisters until the latter were able to care for themselves, helping them through school after their removal to Champaign.

In 1888 Mr. Roberts married Miss Ida V. Carper, who was born in De Witt county, Illinois, January 8, 1865, a daughter of Philip and Harriet R. (Cresap) Carper, the former a native of Indiana, the latter, of Ohio. Her parents were married in De Witt county, and came to Champaign county in 1870, locating in Colfax township, where the father followed and operated a farm and also engaged in teaching school. At the age of sixty-six years, he is now living retired in Seymour, this county. His wife is now sixty years of age, and both still enjoy good health. They are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them. Of the twelve children born to them, eleven are still living, namely: Daniel W., a physician of Henning, Vermilion county, Illinois; Ida V., wife of our subject; Eusebius F., who is living on the old homestead in Colfax township; Elizabeth A., wife of Charles Koble, a farmer of Scott township; Cleora, wife of Frank Cade, a farmer living near Seymour; George W., a resident of Colfax township; Philip M., who is living near Seymour in Scott township; Eugene, Ulysses G., L. Clarissa and Guy E., all at home.

Mrs. Roberts was educated in the common schools of Colfax township and at Seymour, and successfully engaged in teaching for three years prior to her marriage. Five children were born to our subject and his wife, but one died in infancy. The others are Harry V., born in April, 1890; Hattie E., born in June, 1891; Joseph E., born in October, 1892; and Ernest M., born in March, 1895.

Having previously purchased a farm of eighty acres on section 13, Colfax township, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts began their domestic life there, and have since made it their home, his time and attention being devoted to general farming. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party, has served as commissioner of highways for three years, and is now one of the drainage commissioners on a branch of the Kaskaskia river for his township, this being one of the important offices of the county. He has also served as school director for a number of years, and all of his official duties have been performed in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. Fraternally he is a member of Sadorus Camp, No. 3302, M. W. A., of which he has been Venerable Consul since the lodge was organized.

RINEHART P. RATTS, M. D., the leading physician of Longview, Illinois, was born in Washington county, Indiana, November 19, 1854, a son of John and Mary (Hinds) Ratts, also natives of Indiana. The grandfather, Rinehart Ratts, was born in North Carolina, in 1800, but at an early day moved to Washington county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life. He purchased a tract of land, probably from

the government, and devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. He died at the age of eighty years, and his wife, who was born in the same year as himself, survived him five years. They had a family of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity. In this family, John Ratts, the father of our subject, was fourth in order of birth. He also followed the occupation of farming and was a progressive, enterprising and successful man. He never left Washington county, Indiana, dying there during the Civil war, in 1862. His widow subsequently married George Phillips, of Brown county, Indiana, who has been dead a number of years, and she now makes her home with the Doctor in Longview, Illinois,. Her parents were Samuel and Kate Hinds, pioneers of Washington county, Indiana, where they continued to make their home throughout life, both dying when past the age of eighty years. Their children were Mary Ann, Frank, Philbert, Lizzie, Delilah, Pleasant, Milton and Pressey. The only members of this family living in Illinois besides Mrs. Ratts are Frank and Philbert, of Hindsboro, Douglas county, for whom the town was named.

To John and Mary (Hinds) Ratts were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy; Marion is engaged in farming in Douglas county, Illinois; Lizzie first married William Hooker, now deceased, and second S. Smedley, a farmer of Phillips county, Kansas; Kate is the wife of Frank Strain, also of Phillips county; Delilah is the wife of Samuel Nuckles, of Paris, Illinois; Rinehart P., our subject, is next in order of birth; Elmer is a resident of Utah and Charlie is a farmer of Phillips county, Kansas.

Dr. Ratts received his literary education in Salem, Indiana, and later studied medicine under Dr. Roe, now of Redman, Illinois, but at that time of Edgar, Edgar county. After two years spent with that gentleman he entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, where he pursued a three years' course and was graduated in 1876. Immediately after his graduation he came to Champaign county and located in the center of Raymond township, at which time there were no railroads nearer than Sidney, nine miles north, through which the Wabash passed, and Murdock, seven miles south, through which the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railroad passed. At the time he had but seven dollars in money and, as he expresses it, he got as far away from towns and other doctors as he could, so that the people would have to come to him. He remained at his country location until the town of Longview was laid out and platted when the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad was built through Raymond township within a mile of his office. He then removed to Longview, where he has since made his home, and he has a large practice extending throughout this section of the county and into the adjoining counties. During his residence here many other physicians have come and gone, but he has remained and has met with most excellent success. In 1888 he embarked in the drug business on a small scale, but has constantly added to his stock, and now carries a complete line of drugs necessary to meet the demands of his trade.

In 1878, Dr. Ratts was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Mathews, by whom he had one child, Edith, who is a graduate of St. Mary's in the Woods, a noted seminary of Indiana, and now a student at the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, this being her second year there.

The Doctor was again married, in December, 1891, his second union being with Miss Fannie K. Gabbard.

Religiously Dr. Ratts is a member of the Christian church, and fraternally belongs to Broadlands Lodge, No. 791, F. & A. M.; Longview Lodge, No. 254, I. O. O. F.; and Longview Camp, No. 2863, M. W. A. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and while taking an active interest in the success of his party he has never aspired to office. He has the entire confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, and his skill and ability in his chosen profession are attested by the liberal patronage he enjoys.

JOSEPH DOTY. Among the influential members of the farming community of Champaign county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is entirely a self-made man in the truest sense of that term, having been the only architect of his own fortunes, and he has builded wisely and well, raising himself from humble circumstances to a position of affluence by his own indomitable energy and a laudable ambition to succeed. He is now the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred acres on sections 19 and 21, Tolono township.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Doty was born in Washington county, September 24, 1845, and is a son of Lewis and Nancy (Seibert) Doty. The father was born in New Jersey and followed farming throughout life, dying in 1895. The mother was born in Pennsylvania, and is still living in that state. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom two died in infancy. The others reached years of maturity and were as follows: Rachel makes her home with her mother in Pennsylvania; Hannah is the widow of John Kilgore, a successful farmer of that state; Stephen is a farmer of Tolono township, Champaign county, Illinois; Peter followed the carpenter's trade until his death, which occurred in 1888; Thomas was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and met his death in the battle of the Wilderness; Wilson also belonged to a Pennsylvania regiment in the same war, and is now a farmer of that state; Isaac is also an agriculturist of Pennsylvania; Joseph, our subject, is next in order of birth; and Francis M. and Jacob are both representative farmers of Pennsylvania.

During his boyhood Joseph Doty received only a common-school education, but his training at farm work was not so meagre, the summer months being wholly devoted to that occupation. On leaving home at the age of twenty years, he went to LaSalle county, Illinois, where he found employment as a farm hand by the month for four years. He then rented land and began working for himself, being quite successful under the circumstances.

After living alone for two years, Mr. Doty was married in 1871 to Miss Mary E. Dick, the oldest daughter of Harry and Mary (Town) Dick, natives of New York, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Their other children were Monroe, now a farmer of Moultrie county, Illinois; Louisa, wife of William Driver, of Tingley, Iowa; and Jasper H., a successful farmer living near New Richmond, Indiana. Mrs. Doty was born in Oneida county, New York, May 29, 1851, and by her marriage to our subject has become the mother of three children: Nellie Mae, Lewis H. and Walter M.

For two years after his marriage, Mr. Doty continued to engage in farming in La Salle county, but in 1873 disposed of his interests there and came to Champaign county, where he rented land and operated the same quite successfully for ten years. In 1883 he made his first purchase, consisting of eighty acres of land in Tolono township, upon which he made his home for ten years. He also rented two hundred and forty acres, and was quite extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. That he made a success is assured by his purchasing his present farm of two hundred acres in 1897, all well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has been greatly assisted by the encouragement and support of his estimable wife, who has indeed been a true helpmeet to him. Being a great reader, she is familiar with all the leading topics of the day, though by sickness her hearing has been impaired, which causes her some inconvenience. Both Mr. and Mrs. Doty are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Tolono, and are held in high regard by the entire community in which they live. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and for eighteen years has most creditably served as school director, having filled that position in every district in which he has made his home.

ROBERT WRIGHT. Nearly two-score years ago this prominent agriculturist of Newcomb township concluded to become a permanent citzen of Champaign county, and in every possible way he has assisted to develop and improve this section of the state. Educational matters and good government have been of grave concern to him, as to every patriot, and his influence always has been felt upon the side of progress.

Major Simeon Wright, a native of Vermont, and a hero of the war of 1812, removed to Ohio at the close of that struggle with the mother country, and settled in the wilderness. He hewed, literally, a farm out of the forests of Licking county, and by untiring energy reduced the land to cultivation, eventually making a valuable homestead. One of his sons, Captain Hiram Wright, was the father of the subject of this narrative. Born in the Green Mountain state, in 1803, he was a mere child when he went to the Buckeye state, and there in the solitudes of nature, he grew to manhood. He won his title during his service as captain of a local company of militia, but never was called into action. Upon arriving at mature years, he married Eliza Blood, daughter of Fred Blood, an early settler of Licking county and formerly of Massachusetts. Subsequently he inherited his father's farm and there he continued to live until his children were grown. He then sold the place and came to Illinois, and from 1872 until his death, in 1890, he made his home in Newcomb township. For sixty-four years he had traveled life's pathway in company with his devoted wife, who did not long survive him, as she passed away in the year following his demise. They were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were actively interested in Sunday schools, both in Ohio and in this state.

Robert Wright was born in the old Licking county homestead, January 13, 1838. He received a fair education in the common schools of the district, supplementing the knowledge gained there by a year's work in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at

Delaware, Ohio. He was naturally an apt student, and made the best of his advantages, with the result that he easily obtained a certificate to teach, when he applied for one, and for several years he was successfully engaged in that line of work, both in his native state and in Illinois. He had mastered farming in its various departments and was especially interested in the raising of livestock. Having become convinced that this state afforded better opportunities in many respects to a young man ambitious for success, he made his plans accordingly. One day, in 1862, he might have been seen coming along the dusty highway, driving a large flock of sheep into the land of promise, like one of the Jewish patriarchs in his youth, seeking a new home and "pastures green." He had made the entire journey from his old home in Ohio to Champaign county, watching his flocks by day and night, and for thirty-five days had steadily pressed forward to the west. Here he wandered with his sheep on the prairies for two seasons, and then made his first purchase of land—one hundred and twenty acres in section 32, Newcomb township—his present homestead. A small house stood on the property, but few improvements had been made and he was obliged to break most all of the ground himself. In time many changes for the better showed the diligence and wisely expended energy of the new owner, and to-day this is one of the most desirable farms in the county. A commodious house, and barns, fences and hedges, shade trees and fruit trees are among the substantial improvements on the place. For several years he was engaged in raising sheep in large numbers, and his opinions upon this subject were highly esteemed. During the years of his connection with the Farmers' Institute, he has often called upon been to address the assemblage, and contributed articles about sheep-raising at four of the annual meetings.

In this township, Mr. Wright married Eleanor Banes, June 18, 1863. She was born in Logan county, Ohio, and came to Illinois with her father, Gabriel Banes, who was a native of Virginia and one of the pioneers of the Buckeye state. He died in February, 1853, a few months after locating in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Wright lost one child, Olive, who died when eleven months old. The eldest son, Charles C., is a successful farmer of this county. Ida, wife of R. S. McNeal, lives upon a farm in this vicinity. Kate is the wife of G. H. Wright, a teacher, living in Fisher, this county, and Mrs. Effie Staney, a widow, holds a good position as a stenographer in a real estate office in Champaign. Frank E., a promising young man, is at home, assisting in the management of the farm, and who is also in the sheep business.

Ever since casting his first presidential ballot, in 1860, for Abraham Lincoln, he has been active in the support of the Republican party platform and nominees. He has acted in the capacity of clerk, assessor, highway commissioner and school trustee in this township, and has been influential in countless ways, in the promotion of everything conducive to the well-being of the community. With his wife, he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Mahomet, and is a liberal contributor to the maintenance of religious enterprises.

DAVID NOGLE. There are few men more worthy of representation in a work of this kind than the subject of this

biography who is now living a comparatively retired life in the village of Sadorus. His has been a long and busy career, rich with experience, and in which he has established himself in the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Nogle was born about eighteen miles from Harrisburg, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1834, and is a son of Michael and Sarah (Bruner) Nogle, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. On the paternal side his great-grandfather came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. The father was a teamster when a young man, driving a six-horse team with only one line from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, it taking about sixteen weeks to make the round trip. For twenty years he was a huckster, and in the latter years of his life devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, following each vocation with success. He was a very strong man physically and always enjoyed good health. He lived to be ninety-two years of age, dying at his home in Milltown, Pennsylvania. Of his ten children, three died in infancy, five in later years, and only two are now living, namely: David, our subject, and Isaac, a retired citizen of Indiana.

David Nogle received his education in the common schools of his native state and remained at home until of age. In 1856 he came from Chicago to Champaign county, Illinois, and on landing here his capital consisted of but three gold dollars. It being the fall of the year he had hard work to find employment. He stayed in Champaign for two days, paying one dollar per day for accommodations, while trying to find work. The third morning he refused to go to his breakfast and when questioned by the landlord explained his circumstances, telling him he did not want to part with his last gold dollar. Hearing of some one who wanted help, he struck out into the country, landing south of Sadorus, where he found work with William Sadorus husking corn. Hiring for a month, his work proved so satisfactory that he remained in the same employ for seven years. For his first month on trial he received sixteen dollars, which seemed to him a fortune, as in his circumstances he would have been willing to work for almost any price, being away from home, among strangers, as well as without funds. For seven years he worked faithfully for his employer and then having saved his money, he rented land and began farming on his own account. Subsequently he purchased eighty acres of land in Colfax township, which by hard work he converted into valuable and rich farm land, fully improved. In 1873 he retired to the village of Sadorus, purchased a lot and erected a house. Later he bought ten acres adjoining, and is now surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living, all of which have been acquired through his own well directed labors in former years. Upon his place he planted a fine orchard, which thrived for many years, but has lived to cut nearly all the trees himself.

In 1861, Mr. Nogle was united in marriage with Miss Isabella Peat, who was of English parentage, and to them were born seven children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are Emma C., wife of Charles McAdams, a carpenter of Bemis, Washington, by whom she has one son, David Roy; George W., a farmer of Tolono township, this county; Charles H., a prosperous farmer of Sadorus township, who is married and has one son, Claude; John T., who lives at home; Martha B., wife of Jesse M. Sadorus, whose sketch appears elsewhere

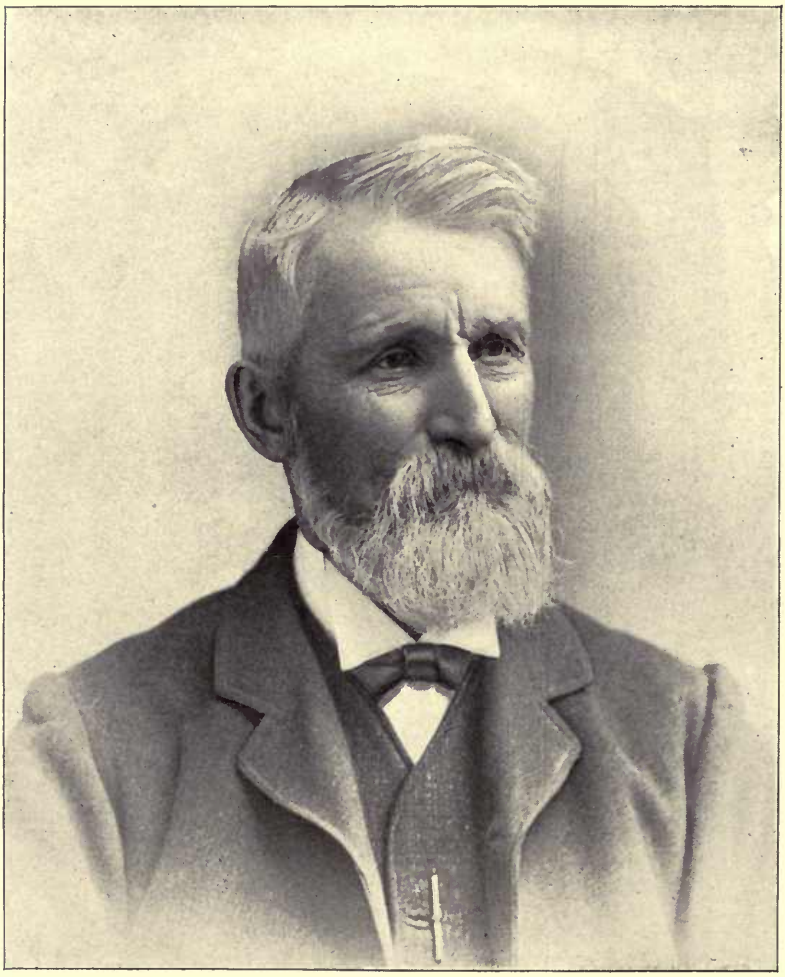
in this volume; and Fanny H., at home. In 1877 the wife and mother died, leaving Mr. Nogle with six small children, whom he succeeded in nobly keeping together for three years, at the same time carrying on his farm.

On the 12th of February, 1880, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Julia A. Payne, who was born in Edgar county, Illinois, in 1841, a daughter of James and Sarah (Smith) Payne, natives of Washington county, Tennessee. The father lived to be sixty-seven years of age, the mother seventy-three. He moved from his native state to Edgar county, in 1828, and in 1865 came to Champaign county. His wife belonged to a very old family of Edgar county. Her brother, Abraham Smith, was born in Washington county, Tennessee, May 15, 1796, settled in Edgar county, Illinois, in 1839, and lived there until his death, in 1894. All of the family were active workers in the Methodist church. To Mr. and Mrs. Payne were born eleven children, but only four survive, namely: Martha, wife of E. Sterns, of Fisher, Illinois; Elizabeth, proprietress of a general store in Garden City, Kansas; Julia A., wife of our subject; and Smith, who is living retired in Garden City. By his second union Mr. Nogle has two sons: Walter Smith and Alonzo Payne, both attending school in the village.

Politically Mr. Nogle is a strong Prohibitionist. In early life he used tobacco, but has refrained from the same for thirty years. He is an interesting conversationalist and takes pleasure in relating stories of the early conditions of the country, when the land was nearly all barren prairie, covered with high grass, and few roads had been laid out. After residing here for about two years, he took a message to Tolona, and in returning home lost his way, which with difficulty he found again. He and his wife are consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and always entertain the preachers stopping in their neighborhood, their home being noted for its hospitality and good cheer. Mr. Nogle is a quiet, unostentatious man, but he makes many friends, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

CYRUS ARNOLD is a representative and prominent agriculturist of Philo township, where he owns and operates a finely improved farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 35 and 36. He thoroughly understands the occupation he has chosen as a life work, and in his labors met with most excellent and well-deserved success.

Mr. Arnold was born in Saratoga county, New York, September 8, 1830, and is the second child and oldest son in the family of Peter and Pamila (Ostrom) Arnold, also natives of that county. The father was born on a farm, September 14, 1803, and after reaching a sufficient age he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Saratoga county until his death, which occurred on the old homestead October 10, 1878. His wife, who was but a few years younger than he, and of Holland descent, died February 14, 1843. In their family were six children, namely: Mary, deceased wife of James Van Branken, of Saratoga county, New York; Cyrus, our subject; Lucinda, wife of H. Taylor, of Chautauqua county, New York; Catherine, wife of Cyrus Cole, who lives near Albany, New York; George, who was a resident of Plano, Kendall county, Illinois, for a number of years, and there died; and Emmett, a resident of Burnt Hills, New York.



CYRUS ARNOLD.



MRS. CYRUS ARNOLD.

Cyrus Arnold acquired his education in the common schools of the early days in his home district, and remained under the parental roof, assisting in the labors of the farm, until about twenty-one years of age, when he started for what he termed the wild west. He went as far as Michigan, where he was employed for a time in mercantile business, and later followed farming, remaining in that state for three years.

While in Michigan, Mr. Arnold made the acquaintance of Miss Caroline Francisco, to whom he was married February 2, 1853. She was born in that state, August 14, 1831, and was well educated, attending the Albion Seminary until she was called home by the death of her mother to preside over the household. Her father, Henry A. Francisco, was a very prominent man in politics in his community, and served as county judge of Jackson county, Michigan, for a number of years. The town of Francisco on the Michigan Central railroad was named in his honor. Later he removed to this county, and in the village of Philo died September 2, 1875, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. He had six children: Hester J., who makes her home with our subject; Caroline, wife of our subject; Mrs. H. J. Nash, of Urbana; Eleanor, a resident of Decatur, Michigan, and the widow of Captain Henry Wheaton, who was killed in the battle of Chapin Farm during the Civil war while acting colonel, the commander of the regiment having already met death; Henry E., who died in 1878 at his residence in Philo, where his widow still lives; and Horace, who died at his home in New Waverly, Texas, in 1882. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were born six children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are as follows: (1) Mary is the wife of John Locke, of Statley, Illinois, and they have six children living of whom two daughters are married, and as one has three sons and the other one son, our subject is a great-grandfather to four children. (2) Emmett, a stock man of Fall River county, South Dakota, is married and has three children, one son and two daughters. (3) Horace is at home with his parents. (4) Cora is the wife of Henry Lovingfoss, a farmer of Philo township, and they have two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold continued their residence in Michigan until 1854, when they sold their property there and removed to McHenry county, Illinois, where for two years he successfully engaged in farming upon property owned by his wife. At the end of that time they went to Oswego township, Kendall county, where he followed the same pursuit. Disposing of his interests there in 1867, he came to Champaign county, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land where he now resides, to which he has added as his financial resources have permitted until he now has two hundred and forty acres. At the time of purchase it was only partially improved, but under his supervision it has become one of the most desirable farms of its size in the township. He has set out an orchard and other trees, has built fences and erected barns and other buildings upon the place until it is a highly improved farm, well tiled and highly cultivated. With the assistance of his son, he continued to operate his farm until 1892, since which time he has practically lived a retired life, while he rents his land.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Philo, and he is now serving as one of its trustees. Politically he is an ardent Republican, and has been honored with a

number of local offices, the duties of which he has most efficiently and faithfully discharged. During his residence in Kendall county he served as collector, and has been justice of the peace in Philo township for one year. A trust reposed in him has never been misplaced, and he merits and receives the respect and esteem of all who know him.

JOSHUA SMITH. It may truthfully be be said of Joshua Smith, as one of our great English authors said of a certain farmer, that though his life was quiet and unassuming, and though, perhaps, he was not known much beyond his own county, yet wherever he had dwelt, the community was the better for his sojourn there—some highways had been straightened and improved, some land had been made to bring forth an abundant harvest under his watchful care and diligent labors, or some schools and churches had been built or maintained in part by him. The story may be thus simple, but it is none the less enduring, and he who strives to perform his duty as a citizen and neighbor, to serve his own generation to the best of his ability, is justly entitled to be called one of "God's noblemen."

Joshua Smith comes from one of the stanch old patriotic families of Virginia, originally English and Scotch. His grandfather, Presley Smith, served in the war of 1812 with the rank of first lieutenant, and his wife, Rosilla, was the daughter of Colonel McDonald, who earned that title by valiant service in the Revolutionary war. After matters had been permanently adjusted between the colonies and the mother country, Presley Smith removed with his family to the then new region of Pickaway county, Ohio, where he is considered one of the founders of the county. His son, Wesley, was born in Virginia, in 1814, and was reared to manhood in Pickaway county, Ohio. For a wife he chose Eliza, daughter of William Scisna, of Pennsylvania and later of Ohio. He did galiant service in the war of 1812, being orderly on the staff of General Jackson, and while conveying messages to his superior, at the battle of New Orleans, was wounded by a gunshot in the thigh. Wesley Smith located in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and at the end of four years, came to Illinois. Here he bought a tract of timberland and pre-empted another tract suitable for farming, in Piatt county. In that locality he took up his permanent abode, and was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1847. His wife surviving him a few years, passed away in 1855,

The birth of Joshua Smith occurred in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 29, 1837, and as he was only six years of age when he arrived in Illinois, then a new and very sparsely settled country, he had small chance for obtaining an education. Then, too, his father died when he was a lad of ten years, and the cares and responsibilities of life fell upon his youthful shoulders when he should have had no more serious battles than those presented by the multiplication table. For many years he worked for farmers by the month and it was not until 1860 that he had the pleasure of establishing a home and feeling, in a measure at least, the joys of independence.

On the 6th of March, 1860, Mr. Smith and Martha E. Dickson were united in marriage. The lady of his choice was born in Mahomet township, Champaign county, and here grew to womanhood. Her parents,

Amos and Rachel (Pettis) Dickson, were natives of Lewis county, Kentucky, and Tennessee, respectively, and were married in Illinois. Mr. Dickson was one of the first settlers of Vermilion county, as he located there in 1827. Of his five children who grew to mature years, four still survive. Of the three daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, only one is now living, namely, Clara Belle, wife of O. M. Brown, of Mansfield. The eldest daughter, Eliza Jane, became the wife of A. J. Wright, and in June, 1897, was summoned to the silent land. She left one daughter to mourn her loss, Miss Gertie Z., who is now a member of her aunt's household in Mansfield. Luella Kate, the second child of our subject, died when in the second year of her age.

Loyally responding to the call of his country in her hour of peril, Mr. Smith volunteered his services on behalf of the Union, and sorrowfully bade adieu to the young wife whom he might never again behold. He was enrolled as a private in Company D, Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, April 8, 1862, and was sent to the front. There he participated in some of the most important campaigns of the war, and soon after the siege of Corinth, while engaged in unloading some commissary stores, according to orders, was disabled and sent to the hospital. There he remained for many long, weary weeks of suffering, and, as he then was not materially improved, he was given an honorable discharge from the service, and returned to his home.

After his marriage, and prior to his army service, Mr. Smith had bought forty acres of land in Piatt county and had instituted numerous improvements upon the place. Subsequently he disposed of it to good advantage, and in 1879 removed to Champaign county, where he assumed the management of the old Dickson homestead, where he still lives. Building and remodeling the house and barns and other structures upon the place, planting shade and fruit trees, placing tiling and ditches wherever necessary, he was a very busy man for years, and has taken just pride in keeping everything about the place in a neat and enterprising manner. His farm now is considered a very desirable one, and, as it is situated only a little over three miles from the village of Mahomet, the family are able to enjoy many of the special privileges which town life affords. The farm comprises one hundred and thirty-five acres, all under good cultivation and very productive.

Few of the pioneers of eastern Illinois can justly lay claim to a longer continuous residence here than can Mr. Smith. It is nearly fifty-seven years since destiny drifted him to this region, and, during this period he has witnessed vast changes for the better, as the swamps have been drained by means of tiling and ditches, and now are accounted among the most productive lands in this section of the state; well cultivated farms with a thriving agricultural population; flourishing villages and more pretentious cities; model school houses and churches, and well-kept roads and bridges, now stand where formerly the tangled underbrush, the high, rank prairie grass, the pestilential swamps knew no life save that of the wily red man, the timid deer, the snarling wolf, and the various wild birds which delight in solitude. In the march of progress and civilization, our subject has not been a laggard, and whenever his means and influence could be utilized for the welfare of his community, he has not been sparing of them. Modest and unas-

suming, he has preferred to keep out of public office, but when urged to accept such responsibilities has not shirked the trust, and to the best of his ability has justified his friends' faith in his ability and integrity. For a year prior to his coming to this county he served as township assessor in Piatt county. He also was treasurer of the board of highway commissioners in this township, and for twenty-four years was a member of the board of education, a portion of the time acting in the capacity of president of that body. In 1864 he cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln, and at each succeeding election he has been prompt at the polls, ready to support the party which has successfully carried our beloved country through some of the stormiest seas which the ship of state has had to encounter.

In his social and home relations, Mr. Smith is seen at his best, and there, if anywhere, the true character of a man is proved. Both himself and his estimable wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and for many years they have been actively interested in its numerous departments of usefulness, contributing loyally of their means to the furtherance of the grand work, which is uplifting and benefiting mankind everywhere. Fraternally, Mr. Smith stands very high as a Mason and as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, which now is becoming pathetically reduced in numbers, each year so many thousands of the boys who wore the blue responding to the final roll-call. He long has been an honored member of Ephraim Scott Post, No. 464, of Mahomet, being one of the charter members. Thirty years or more ago he joined the Masonic order, and at present is identified with the lodge at Mansfield, the chapter at Farmers' City and the commandery at Urbana. He is past master of the blue lodge and was made a Knight Templar seventeen years ago.

ROBERT J. MYERS is a worthy representative of one of the sterling old Kentucky families, and possesses the strength of character and the fortitude which generations of his ancestors displayed in their struggles with nature and circumstance on the frontiers of civilization in this country. Just one hundred years ago his grandfather, Captain Jacob Myers, who was of German extraction, and a native of Pennsylvania, removed to the wilds of the Blue Grass state, and settled upon a tract of land in Lewis county. There he developed a farm and made a beautiful homestead, which was handed down from father to son for several generations. He served as a soldier when the second war of the United States with Great Britain came on, and the same spirit of patriotism has animated his descendants wherever they have wandered.

His son, John M., father of R. J. Myers, was born on the old homestead in Lewis county, and when he arrived at maturity he married Isabelle Markland, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, where her father, William Markland, was a pioneer. Becoming the proprietor of the old Lewis county farm, John M. Myers engaged in its cultivation for many years, and was known, far and near, as an exemplary citizen and true exponent of grand Christian manhood.

Robert J. Myers was born March 23, 1853, in the old house where his father's birth had taken place, and there his early

years and ambitious youth were quietly passed, notwithstanding the fact that the great struggle between the north and south often raged not far from his abode. He aided his father in the care of the farm until he reached his majority and inded it was not until the Centennial year that he concluded that he must tear himself away from the scenes of his youth and start upon an independent career. In company with his brother, William, he made the journey to this locality on horseback, and joined some old friends from their own state. Some time antecedent to this, their father had bought land in Newcomb township, and the brother located on the tract in section 29, while Robert J. settled in section 34. After cultivating that farm for several years, in the meantime making numerous valuable improvements, he sold out to a good advantage, and in 1894 removed to his present farm, in section 30, in the same county. Here he owns a quarter section of valuable land which a few years ago had but little in the way of improvements to recommend it Mr. Myers has built a pleasant farm house and a large barn, besides making many other changes which add to the desirability of the place. He also owns eighty acres of well-improved land in this township, and a tract of timber, some forty acres in extent. He has been successful as a stock-raiser, and keeps a high grade of cattle, always having a few Herefords on his farm.

His personal popularity and recognized worth as a business man and citizen, led to Mr. Myers being appointed as assessor of Newcomb township in 1896, and since then he has thrice been re-elected and is serving at the present time. He is conscientious and efficient, giving general satisfaction to all concerned. He is a sincere friend to the cause of education, and is a member and one of the officers of Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church.

The marriage of Mr. Myers and Miss Anna Belle Gilmore was solemnized in this township, December 22, 1886. She is a native of Licking county, Ohio, and is a daughter of George W. Gilmore, who became one of the residents of this locality about a quarter of a century ago. A son and a daughter have blessed the union of our subject and wife, namely: John G. and Lela May, both of whom are attending the local schools. Mrs. Myers and the children are actively interested in the work of the Shiloh Methodist church, and are popular with all who know them.

J F. ZIMMER. That success comes only as the result of well applied energy, unflagging determination, and perseverance in a course of action, when once decided upon, it would be well if every one fully realized. Fortune rarely comes to the dreamer or idler and only the man who has struggled and wrought. does she crown with her choicest blessings. In tracing the history of the gentleman whose name heads this record it is plainly seen that he has been industrious and enterprising and richly deserves the prosperity which he now enjoys.

Mr. Zimmer is a native of Brownsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred September 5, 1837. His youth was passed in Green county, where he obtained a liberal education in the public schools, and subsequently pursued his higher studies in the Waynesburg Academy. Later he became a teacher in the schools

of his native state, and then, because he believed that the west afforded better opportunities to young men, he came to Illinois, where he readily found plenty of chances in the educational field. After spending some time in various parts of the state, he located in Logan county, where he taught school during the winters and engaged in farming the remainder of the year for several seasons. He carefully husbanded his means, and in 1873 came to Champaign county, where he invested in eighty acres of land. This tract was totally unimproved, and he set about the task of reducing it to cultivation in such an energetic way that ere long the prairie yielded abundant harvests and brought him a good return for his toil. For six winters after he settled here he taught in the local shools, and he has never ceased to have a genuine interest in the maintenance of good schools and educational advantages for the young. In time he purchased eighty acres more of land and instituted further improvements, including the building of a substantial house and barns. His homestead which is situated in section 17, Newcomb township, is one of the best in the township, and he spares no pains in keeping everything in a thrifty condition. In addition to this place, he owns half a section of land in Brown township and a half section in Vernon county, Missouri.

The marriage of Mr. Zimmer and Sarah A. Thompson took place in Logan county, September 3, 1863. She was born in Green county, Pennsylvania, and received her education there. Two of the six children born to our subject and wife died in infancy. The eldest of the family, L. E., is married and resides in this county. The next son, L. E. O., is also married and carries on a farm in Brown township. D. E., the eldest daughter, is the wife of L. L. Wright, a farmer of this township, and Sarah A. lives with her parents at home.

Politically Mr. Zimmer was identified with the Democratic party in former years, but more recently he has given his allegiance to the Republicans. He has served as clerk of the township, and has been justice of the peace for about eight years, giving general satisfaction to every one concerned. As previously stated, he takes great interest in educational matters, and has served on the school board for a number of years. Frequently he has been chosen as a delegate to various conventions, and has represented his friends in an able manner. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being connected with the lodge at Fisher. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Walker Center.

GEORGE B. CRAW. Champaign county has been the home and scene of labor of many men who have not only led lives that should serve as an example to those who come after them, but have also been of important service to their town aud county through various avenues of usefulness. Among these must be named George B. Craw, one of the most highly respected citizens of Sadorus, who passed away May 26, 1895, after a life of industry, and rich in those rare possessions which only a high character can give.

He was born in Weybridge, Vermont, June 3, 1820, and was the oldest son of Allen Craw, whose family consisted of four sons and two daughters that reached matur-

ity. George B. and Samuel were the first of the family to come to Champaign county, Illinois, but were later joined by their parents and the other children, who came to make their home here. Our subject grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Vermont and received a common-school education. He was twenty years of age, when, in 1840, the family emigrated to Illinois and took up their residence in Greene county, where the father purchased a large farm, which he improved with the aid of his sturdy sons, building up a substantial home. He was quite extensively and successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On starting out in life for himself, George B. Craw purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Greene county, and built thereon a house. Having secured a home, he then married Miss Ann Wilkinson, by whom he had two children. The son died in infancy, but the daughter, Florinda, is now the wife of John Lochrie, of Jasper county, Missouri, and they have six children, four of whom are married and have families of their own. Mrs. Craw died in Greene county in 1854.

Wishing to leave the scene of his troubles, Mr. Craw came with his brother Samuel to Champaign county in 1857, which at that time was a wild, unbroken prairie and swamp, over which roamed wild game of various kinds. After years of hard work he succeeded in subduing the prairies and converting them into valuable farm lands. He purchased ninety acres of railroad land and eighty acres from private parties, all in Colfax township, and he successfully operated the same until 1876, when he removed to the village of Sadorus, where he bought several lots, erected a house, and lived retired thereafter, enjoying a well deserved rest.

In 1859 Mr. Craw was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Patterson, who was born near Carlinville, Macoupin county, Illinois, February 23, 1838, a daughter of James and Nancy (Sparks) Patterson, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of Virginia, and both belonging to old families of their respective states. In his native place Mr. Patterson was an overseer on his father's plantation, and after coming to Illinois followed farming quite extensively on his own account. He was married in Jacksonville, where Miss Sparks was living at that time. Both were strong and active throughout life and lived to an advanced age, the former dying in 1893, aged eighty-one years, the latter in 1895, aged eighty. They were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was a Democrat in politics, though he never took an active part in public affairs. To them were born eight children, one of whom died in early childhood. Those who reached maturity were as follows: Samuel, a farmer, died of typhoid fever in 1860; Sarah, wife of R. Reagan, died of the same disease the same year; Margaret A. is now Mrs. Craw; Mary is the widow of William Crouch and lives near the old homestead; John is a farmer of Macoupin county; James cared for his parents until their deaths, and purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, where he now resides; Nancy died unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Craw began their married life in the home he had already prepared. To them were born two daughters: (1) Anneta L. is now the wife of William O'Dell, and they reside on her father's old home-

stead in Colfax township. They have four children, Harry, Charles, John and Annette. (2) Edythe, an accomplished young lady, lives with her mother in Sadorus.

After his removal to the village, Mr. Craw kept a fine team and with his wife and daughter woufd take long excursions, visiting distant relatives, as he enjoyed traveling in that way in preference to going by rail. He was very methodical and with true Yankee grit overcame all the obstacles in the path to success. Although never speaking to offend, he was always firm, and was upright and honorable in all his dealings. By his generous disposition he endeared himself to his family and many friends, and was always the first to hold out a helping hand to the needy or distressed. In 1893 he was afflicted with a soreness in his hand, which developed into a cancer, and after another year of suffering he passed peacefully away May 26, 1895, surrounded by all the members of his family. The property he acquired was equally divided between his wife and daughters. The funeral services were held at the church and his remains were interred in the Craw cemetery in Colfax township, which is in sight of his old home there. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a trustee for many years, and was a liberal supporter of all church work. Socially he affiliated with J. R. Gorin Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M., of Sadorus, and politically was identified with the Republican party. He never cared for political honors, though for many years, while a resident of Colfax township, he was unanimously elected treasurer of the schools in the township—a position he filled in a faithful and creditable manner. He labored with all the strength of a great nature and all the earnestness of a true heart for the bettering of the world about him; and when he was called to the rest and reward of the higher world his best monument was found in the love and respect of the community in which he lived for so many years.

HENRY C. OWEN, a progressive and enterprising farmer, residing on section 33, Ayres township, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, June 26, 1843, and is a son of Abraham and Abbie (Pierce) Owen, also natives of Randolph county. The family was originally from Wales and was founded in this country by three brothers, one of whom was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. He located in North Carolina in early colonial days and continued his residence there throughout the remainder of his life. During the Arnold raid in that state the great-grandmother of our subject had a string of gold beads taken, one of the soldiers cutting the string with his sword, and her husband was taken into the woods and terribly beaten by them, but was finally allowed to return home, half dead. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Oliver Owen, who spent his entire life in Randolph county, North Carolina. The father, Abraham Owen, followed farming in that state until 1851, when, on account of his opposition to slavery, he removed to Morgan county, Indiana, where he purchased land and continued to follow his chosen occupation until his death, which occurred December 29, 1864. He also has a good knowledge of blacksmithing, was a natural mechanic, and, when a young man, worked at the carpenter's trade to some ex-



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tent. His wife died November 12, 1868. Both were active and consistent members of the Methodist church, and in politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He never aspired to official honors, though he always took an active interest in political affairs and did all in his power for the success of his party.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Daniel, a resident of Mortonsville, Morgan county, Indiana; Anstus, who lives upon our subject's farm in Ayres township, this county; Hetty, who is now acting as housekeeper for our subject; Eliza, who died at the age of thirteen years; and John Quincy Adams, a resident of Douglas county, Illinois, who is living two miles northwest of our subject's farm.

In the schools of his native county Henry C. Owen began his education, but the greater part of it was obtained in the schools of Morgan county, Indiana, where the family located when he was but seven years of age. On laying aside his text books, at the age of seventeen years, he turned his attention to farming, which occupation he has made his life work. His labors were interrupted by his enlistment, in November, 1864, in Company A, Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Captain Dilley and Colonel Burton. After being mustered in at Indianapolis, he was assigned to a detached regiment, of which Benjamin Harrison was colonel, and was on duty in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. He participated in a number of skirmishes but in no severe engagements with the exception of the battle of Nashville. He did not join his own regiment until about April, 1865. At Dalton, Georgia, his command was shut off from the main army by the rebels, and for a month lived on one-fourth rations. One night Mr. Owen drew his beans and after eating a portion decided to save the remainder for breakfast, but about midnight he awoke so hungry that he could wait no longer and accordingly finished them, leaving nothing for his breakfast. He has often said that nothing ever tasted as good to him as those beans eaten in the middle of the night. He was mustered out at Indianapolis, in April, 1865.

Immediately after his return home, Mr. Owen came to Illinois, and first located in Vermilion county, where he purchased forty acres of land, making his home there until 1872. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Ayres township, Champaign county, and here he has since resided. When he located thereon the farm was but a blue grass pasture, but he commenced at once to improve and cultivate it, and now has one of the finest farms of its size in his section of the county. He has given considerable attention to stock raising, and now has a fine flock of thoroughbred sheep, but of late years has given more attention to grain. His first home here consisted of only two rooms, but in the fall of 1892 he erected his present handsome brick residence, which is supplied with all modern conveniences, including a furnace and telephone.

On the 23d of April, 1871, Mr. Owen was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Anderson, a native of Sweden, who died December 14, 1893, and was laid to rest in Pleasant Ridge cemetery, Douglas county. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church and a most estimable lady. The children born of this union were Clara and Daniel, both at home. The son is being

educated at Allerton, Illinois, and when not in school assists his father on the farm.

Mr. Owen is a prominent member of the Pleasant Ridge Methodist church, of which he is one of the trustees and stewards, and has also been a teacher in the Sunday school for a number of years. The Republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles, but he does not care for political preferment, desiring rather to give his individed attention to his farming interests. He has manifested his interest in educational affairs by most acceptably serving as school director for seventeen years.

GEORGE W. MONTGOMERY. Not every county in the great state of Illinois was so fortunate in the character of its founders as was Champaign county, and, undoubtedly, much of its success and remarkable prosperity is due to the energetic, upright citizens who came here when the land was wild and unclaimed, bearing little promise of the great future in store for this region. For the most part these sturdy frontiersmen were law-abiding, God-fearing men, whose second thought, after building a sheltering cabin for their loved ones and making some provision for their immediate needs, was to establish schools and churches and start the machinery of a useful, thrifty community. Upon such a substantial basis, and with such citizens, what could be expected other than what has occurred in the history of this county?—the waste places have been made to "bloom and blossom like the rose," and happy homes are to be found upon every hand.

George W. Montgomery, one of the true and loyal citizens of Champaign county for the past forty-four years, was born in Salem county, New Jersey, May 15, 1843. In that same county his father, Gilpin Montgomery, had had his birth thirty-five years previously, and upon arriving at maturity had married Elizabeth McCoombs, of that locality. They removed to Ohio in the fall of 1849, and for a period of seven years were engaged in farming near Urbana. In 1856 they concluded to try their fortunes in Illinois, and after living on rented land in Mahomet township for about a year, they bought a partly improved homestead in the same township. Building a substantial barn and enlarging the house, and making other marked improvements, they continued to prosper and eventually owned two hundred acres of productive land. The wife and mother was summoned to the silent land in 1864, and the father died in 1883, at the ripe age of seventy-five years. His last years were passed in Erie, Neosho county, Kansas, where his daughter, Mary, wife of Wilson Weeks, also departed this life, and where Abraham Montgomery yet makes his home. The oldest surviving son, Samuel Hyde, resides near Rising Station, Illinois.

As may be inferred, George W. Montgomery had very limited educational advantages, for two reasons: first, that the schools of his boyhood in the localities where he dwelt were poor in character; and, secondly, that the arduous labors of clearing and improving farms kept him extremely busy the year round. Even in the winters, when some of his comrades attended school, he usually worked hard at cutting timber, and thus he was left to his own resources in the matter of education.

A very important event in the life of our subject occurred when he was twenty-three

years of age, as, on February 22, 1866 (the anniversary of the birth of his illustrious namesake), he was united in marriage with Susan B. King, whose father, David King, was an early settler of this county, coming here from Kentucky. When he retired from active cares he lived in Urbana for a period and spent his last days in Champaign.

After his marriage, Mr. Montgomery began housekeeping upon a farm in Mahomet township, and later he carried on farming in Hensley and Condit townships. In the spring of 1899 he bought his present homestead, on section 16, Mahomet township—a place of fifty-three acres. Prior to this, however, he had owned land in Ludlow township, but had not made his home there. He keeps a good grade of horses and Jersey cattle, and has made a specialty of this branch of farming.

Politically, our subject has been a lifelong Democrat, casting his first presidential ballot for General George B. McClellan, in 1864. In 1896, as he did not favor the silver standard, he voted for Palmer. He has never been an aspirant to official distinction, nor would he accept positions when urged to do so. At the same time he has liberally aided in the maintenance of all worthy local enterprises and has performed his duty as a citizen and neighbor. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a deep interest in the numerous departments of work carried on by the prosperous denomination.

VICTOR ARNOLD, an honored and highly respected citizen of Condit township, is now practically living a retired life on section 16, five miles from Fisher, where he owns a highly cultivated and desirable farm of three hundred and twenty acres. He dates his residence in Champaign county since the spring of 1865, and for many years he was actively identified with its agricultural interests.

Mr. Arnold was born in Jersey township, Licking county, Ohio, December 14, 1821, and is a son of Charles Arnold, whose birth occurred in Morris county, New Jersey, in 1788. His grandfather, Colonel Arnold, served with distinction as an officer in the Revolutionary war, and his hotel at Norristown, New Jersey, was used as headquarters by General Washington when the army was in camp there. He was a prominent man of Morris county, and served as sheriff for some time. In his native county Charles Arnold grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Wolfe, who was also born there, a daughter of Squire Wolfe. They continued their residence there until after the birth of four of their children, and then moved to Licking county, Ohio, which at that time was a vast, unbroken wilderness. Mr. Arnold cleared and improved three farms in that county, and later removed to Delaware county, Ohio, where he spent his last days, dying there in 1851. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1823, but his last wife survived him for a time.

Victor Arnold is the youngest in a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, but he is now the only survivor. He was reared and educated in Licking and Delaware counties, and remained at home, aiding in the operation of the farm, until sixteen years old.

In the former county he was married, in 1842, to Miss Ann M. Condit, who was born there and was a daughter of Wickliff Condit.

Coming to Champaign county, Illinois, in 1865, Mr. Arnold purchased his present farm of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 16 and 17, Condit township, which at that time was all raw prairie land, and the only improvement was an old house. He broke the virgin soil, built fences, set out an orchard in 1864, planted forest and ornamental trees, erected a good set of farm buildings, and later built a comfortable and commodious residence. He continued the cultivation of his land until 1883, when he hired a man to carry it on, while he removed to Champaign, where he bought residence property and lived until 1895. During that year he returned to the farm, which is now operated under his supervision and kept in good repair by him. For some years he was extensively engaged in sheep raising, but later turned his attention principally to cattle and hogs and became quite a successful farmer and stock raiser.

Mr. Arnold lost his first wife in 1892, and her remains were interred in Champaign cemetery. She left five children, namely: I. P., a business man of Findlay, Ohio; J. Aubert, a commercial traveler residing in Indianapolis; Julia, wife of George Barton, of Kansas City; Sarah, a resident of Champaign; and Emma L., wife of Rev. R. M. Stephenson, a Presbyterian minister now located in Omaha, Nebraska; Grant, the second in order of birth, died at the age of twenty-nine years, leaving a wife and two children. Our subject was again married, in Chicago, October 10, 1893, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Rupert, a daughter of Ephraim Finch, of Monroe county, New York, where she was reared and educated. Her first husband, William A. Rupert, died in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1866, leaving one son, William A. Jr., who is now married and lives in Yates Center, Woodson county, Kansas.

Originally Mr. Arnold was an old-line Whig in politics and cast his first presidential ballot for Henry Clay, but is now identified with the Democratic party. He was officially connected with the schools of his district for a number of years, both in Ohio and Illinois, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in educational affairs. He and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them on account of their sterling worth and many excellences of character.

CHARLES NOFFTZ, a highly respected farmer and large land owner residing on section 8, Pesotum township, has through his own well-directed efforts met with wonderful success in life, and is now able to lay aside all business cares and spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet. As a young man of twenty-three years he came to America, and with no capital started out in a strange land to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in the path to prosperity. His youthful dreams have been realized, and in their happy fulfillment he sees the fitting reward of his earnest toil.

Mr. Nofftz was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1834, a son of Charles and Anna Mary Nofftz, also natives of that country. The father, who was a laborer and well respected by his neighbors, died in his native land in 1854, leaving a widow and nine children, four sons and five daughters. About three years after his death the family emigrated to America, where the children have made homes for themselves and reared

their families. Six of them are still living, namely: Caroline, wife of August Kreiger, a respected farmer of Pesotum township, this county; Minnie, the wife of F. Bialeschke, a large land owner of the same township; Anna, wife of Theodore Prestine, a farmer of Pesotum township; Gertrude, widow of a Mr. Esner, of Chicago, where she resides; Charles, our subject; and Albert, a farmer of Pesotum township. The mother passed away at the home of our subject in 1880.

In the common schools of his native land Charles Nofftz acquired a good, practical education, and after leaving school worked as a laborer for some years. He was twenty-three, when with his mother and her family he came to the United States, where a brother and sister of our subject had previously located. He spent three months in Chicago working for his brother-in-law, who had advanced the money to pay his passage, and then came to Champaign county, where he was employed as a farm laborer for several years. He was not only without capital, but was unable to speak the English language, and had to begin life here at the bottom of the ladder, which he successfully mounted by hard work and perseverance.

In 1861 Mr. Nofftz married Miss Sophia Messman, a native of Germany, who came to this country with her parents. Of the eleven children bon of this union, one died in infancy, and Dora died at the age of nineteen years. Those living are as follows: (1) Albert J., a prosperous farmer of Pesotum township, is married and has four children, Henry, Emma, Clara and Walter. (2) Rosa is the wife of Charles Cekender, of the same township, and they have nine children Albert, Minnie, Charles, William, Harry, Edward, Julia, Kate and Edith. (3) William, who lives upon a part of his father's farm and also owns eighty acres of land, is married and has three children, Chester, Marie and William. (4) John, a farmer of Champaign township, is married and has two children, Clarence and Howard. (5) Julia is the wife of Paul Messman and has two children Clarene and Mabel. (6) George, (7) Charels and (8) Katie are all at home with their parents. (9) Fred, who lives on a farm adjoining his father's is married and has one child.

For about three years after his marriage Mr. Nofftz continued to work for others as a farm hand, but in 1864 purchased twenty acres of prairie land, and when that was paid for he bought another twenty acres. He would work by the month for neighbors and after the day's work was done would return home and devote his evenings to the improvement of his own place, building fences, cribs, etc. In this way he secured a start until able to give his entire time and attention to his own farming. Success attended his efforts and he added to his farm from time to time until he now has four hundred and eighty acres of valuable and well improved land in Pesotum township. besides an improved farm of the same size in Franklin county, Nebraska. Now, after many long years of hard work, he is able to retire from active labor and enjoy a well-deserved rest. He has made all of the improvements upon his place, including the erection of good and substantial buildings and the planting of an orchard and smaller friends. With the aid of his sons and by good management he has acquired a comfortable competence, but while struggling to get a start in life, he was forced to endure all kinds of hardships and privations, which

seems to him now almost impossible. All of the sons remained home and assisted their father until they were twenty-one years of age. He then gave each one a good team of horses, wagon and harness and let them have eighty acres of land to which to start in life.

As a Republican, Mr. Nofftz takes an active interest in political affairs, but has never been prevailed upon to accept office, though several positions have been offered him. He is an active and prominent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Sadorus, of which he is a liberal supporter, and was a large contributer to the fund for the erection of the new church. He is a quiet, unassuming man, but makes many friends, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

HUGH MITCHELL. For over forty years this gentleman has resided in Champaign county, and his name is inseparably connected with its agricultural interests, his present home being on section 33, Brown township. His thoroughly American spirit and his great energy have enabled him to mount from a lowly position to one of affluence. One of his leading characteristics in business affairs is his fine sense of order and complete system and the habit of giving careful attention to details, without which success in any undertaking is never an assured fact. He is a man of intrinsic worth, esteemed in all the relations of life.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1834. His father, John Mitchell, was born in Maryland, in 1802, and when a young man went to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he married Nancy Edgar, a native of that state. He moved to Ohio in 1834 and opened up a farm in Harrison county. Being a blacksmith by trade, he also built a shop, and engaged in that business in connection with farming. About 1860 he disposed of his property in Ohio, and joined his children in Illinois, locating in Newcomb township, Champaign county. His last years were spent at the home of our subject, where he died in the spring of 1896. His wife had passed away some years previous, dying in 1874.

In Harrison county, Ohio, Hugh Mitchell grew to manhood, and as his school privileges were limited he is practically a self-educated as well as a self-made man. In 1856 he came to Illinois, and spent three years in herding sheep in Sangamon county. In the spring of 1859 he came to Champaign county, where he operated a rented farm for a time, and with the money he managed to save he purchased eighty acres of land in Ringgold county, Iowa. He soon returned to this county, however, and engaged in farming here upon rented land until the Civil war broke out.

In 1862 Mr. Mitchell enlisted as fifth sergeant in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was later promoted to second sergeant. His regiment was assigned to the Army of Tennessee, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Kenesaw Mountain, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. They were in the numerous engagements of the Atlanta campaign, and assisted in capturing Jonesboro, the key to Atlanta. After the fall of the latter city, they went with Sherman on the march to the sea, and then through the Carolinas, taking part in the

battle of Bentonville—the last engagement of the war. From there they marched to Richmond and on to Washington, D. C., where they took part in the grand review. Mr. Mitchell was never confined to the hospital and lost no time from sickness. At Washington he was mustered out, and honorably discharged at Chicago, in June, 1865.

After the war Mr. Mitchell located in Bloomington, Illinois, where he engaged in buying and shipping stock for about a year. He traded his Iowa farm for eighty acres of land in Newcomb township, Champaign county, upon which he located in 1866, and again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He added to his farm forty acres, and later two eighty-acre tracts, making two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in a body, upon which he built a good substantial residence and barn. Subsequently he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the same township, and made many valuable improvements thereon. After operating it until 1892, he purchased the farm of four hundred and forty acres in Brown township, where he has since made his home. He is a hard-working and industrious man of good business and executive ability, and is to-day one of the most substantial citizens of his community, having accumulated a fine estate of eight hundred acres of land, divided into three well-improved and valuable farms.

In this county, Mr. Mitchell was married, September 20, 1870, to Miss Elizabeth J. Groves, a native of Bunker Hill, Macoupin county, Illinois, and a daughter of Rev. Isaac Groves, of Champaign. She received a good education and successfully engaged in teaching for some years prior to her marriage. By this union were born eight children: Ralph is married to Miss Minerva Hinton, and is engaged in farming in Newcomb township; Charley married Miss Anna Cornell and follows the same occupation in Brown township; Nellie is the wife of O. N. Kurtz, a farmer of this county; Minnie is the wife of Adrian Wornmeldorff, also a farmer of this county, John, Roy, Frank, and Belle, all at home attending the local school.

Since voting for John C. Fremont in 1856, Mr. Mitchell has supported every presidential candidate of the Republican party, but has never sought political preferment. He has been connected with the school board for several years, and always takes an active interest in any enterprise calculated to advance the welfare of his township and county. He is an honored member of the Grand Army, Dewey Post, of Fisher, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Shiloh.

JOSEPH D. TAYLOR, one of the enterprising farmers of Champaign county, is a self made man, owing his present success and influence in the community to his own industry and enterprise in the management of his business affairs. He has been a friend to education and progress along all lines, and has used his ballot and means for the promotion of the public weal.

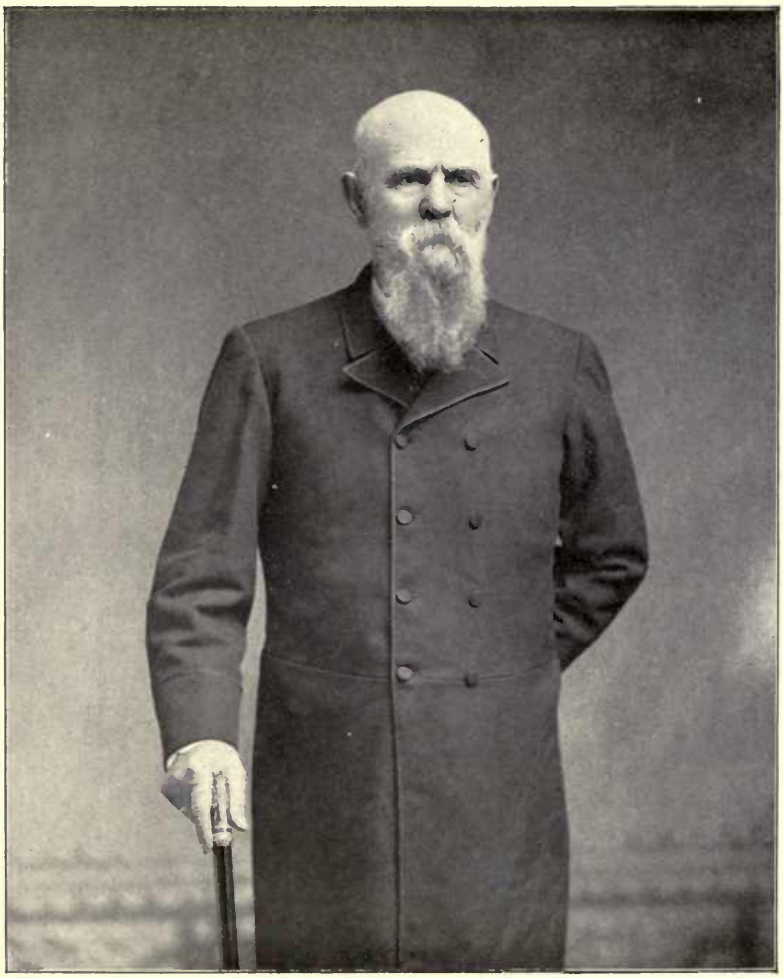
The paternal grandfather of our subject, Simon Taylor, was born in Virginia and at an early day removed to Bourbon county, Kentucky. In that locality John H. Taylor was born in 1809, and upon arriving at maturity he wedded Eliza Liter, a native of the same county. They continued to dwell there,

engaged in agricultural pursuits until the death of Mr. Taylor, in 1849.

One of the children of John H. and Eliza Taylor was Joseph D., whose birth took place August 4, 1834, on the old homestead in Bourbon county. He received some education in the subscription schools of the period and early mastered the details of farming under his father's judicious supervision. In 1861 he came to Champaign county, where he had previously purchased land, and where his widowed mother had taken up her abode some ten years before. Arriving here, the young man managed his mother's homestead for two years, and then traded his own property in Mahomet township for another tract near his present residence. About that time he returned to his native state and was married, and with his bride began housekeeping on his new homestead, where they dwelt for seventeen years. A good opportunity then presenting itself, he traded that place for another one, comprising one hundred and nine acres, in the same township. He has remodeled the house and made various substantial improvements, and to-day the place is considered one of the valuable and truly desirable farms in the township. He has made a business of keeping a high grade of live stock, and rarely fails in any of his undertakings, as he uses excellent judgment and common sense. Aided by his wife, who has, indeed, been a true helpmate, he has amassed a competency and need have no fear for his declining years. He has served as a director of the local school board, but has not been an aspirant to public office. Politically, he is a Democrat of no uncertain stamp, and has been loyal to his party ever since casting his first ballot for Millard Fillmore in 1856.

In Bath county, Kentucky, the marriage of Mr. Taylor and Nancy Spratt was solemnized January 12, 1864. She was born in the county mentioned, a daughter of A. G. and Mary Ann (Duty) Spratt, also of Kentucky. Eight children blessed the union of Mr. Taylor and wife. George A. is married and resides in Wyoming, and Hattie is the wife of George C. Williams, a farmer of this county. Alice and Eliza D., young ladies, are at home, and Mamie A. is one of the successful teachers of the county schools. J. Frank and Grace are attending the local schools. Kate was called to the better land when in the eighth year of her age. When she was young, Mrs. Taylor joined the Methodist Episcopal church in her native state, and ever since that time she has led a beautiful Christian life. Both she and her estimable husband possess many of the traits of character that inevitably endear, and their friends are numbered only by their acquaintances.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH DAVIDSON, deceased, was one of the prominent men of Philo township, as well as one of its most successful and prosperous farmers. He was born in Toronto, Lawrence county, Ohio, June 15, 1820, a son of Colonel Joseph and Amy Davidson. The father was a very influential and popular citizen of that county, where he served as sheriff for many years; was also a representative from his district to the Legislature for four years, and was an officer in the war of 1812. By his first marriage he had only one child, Joseph, our subject. The wife and mother died in 1829, and he was again married. Four children were born of the second union, one son and three daughters, all of whom are now deceased.



CAPT. JOSEPH DAVIDSON.

Captain Davidson remained on the home place until seventeen years of age, and being a poor boy he sought any kind of employment for his support. For about eight years he was connected with the flat boats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, plying between Cincinnati and New Orleans, and experienced the usual hardships and difficulties of river men. Later he operated a boat on the Tennessee river, and during the war of the Rebellion was employed by the United States government, transporting troops and supplies. In this business he met with excellent success financially. He became captain of the J. H. Dohn, and later built the J. H. Dohn No. 2, of which he was in command. He transported the first prisoners from Fort Donelson to Vicksburg for exchange, but later his craft was used entirely by the army officials. He was one of the most skillful pilots on the river, and continued in that business until 1864, when he sold his boats and returned to Ironton, Ohio, where he was engaged in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law as partner and manager for a year, at the end of which time he came to Champaign county, Illinois, but for two years longer retained his interest in the business.

In 1850 Captain Davidson was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Frampton, an estimable lady and a native of Ohio, and to them were born six children, two of whom are now living, Ada, wife of Chester E. Bowman, a successful farmer of Tolono township, this county, by whom she has one son, Joseph C.; and Joseph M., a grain inspector of St. Louis. The wife and mother died at their home in Ohio, in 1856, and the Captain was again married, in 1865, his second union being with Miss Susan F. Hover, a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Frame) Hover, natives of Maryland. They spent their last days in Ohio. Mrs. Davidson had a grandfather and an uncle who were soldiers in the war of 1812, and another uncle in the Civil war. She also had three brothers in the latter conflict: David E., a major; James V., a captain; and Henry S., a private. The last named was discharged at the end of three years from the service on account of illness, but the others served all through the war. In the family were eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity, married and had families. Those still living are Mary J., widow of L. Minx, and a resident of Parkersburg, West Virginia; Melissa, widow of William Nichols and a resident of Belpre, Ohio; Allie E., wife of Rev. Thomas H. Rymer, of Ripley, West Virginia, by whom she has two sons and a daughter, one son now attending the St. Louis Medical College; Susan, widow of our subject; William M., who lives in Denver, Colorado, and is interested in the Cripple Creek gold mines; and Fleming S., a ranch owner and real estate dealer of Le Mar, Colorado.

On coming to this county, Captain Davidson made his home in Champaign for two years, but preferring a more quiet life than the city affords, he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Philo township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his life. He built a comfortable residence, good and substantial outbuildings for the accommodation of his stock, planted an orchard, set out ornamental trees and shrubbery, and in other ways beautified his place. He also extended its boundaries from time to time until he became one of

the largest land owners of his community, having over six hundred acres of well improved land at the time of his death, upon which he had expended several thousand dollars for tiling.

Captain Davidson died at his home, April 28, 1898, and at his request was buried on the farm which he loved so well. He was a kind and considerate husband and father, and was popular with his many friends. Although he met with some reverses in life, he steadily prospered in his undertakings, and the success that came to him was due entirely to his own good management, hard work, perseverance and enterprise, for on starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances and at his death was a comparatively wealthy man. He was a Republican in politics but never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his home and farming interests. He was a very charitable man, thinking nothing but good of all men. He assisted many men to get a start in life, and in all things was extremely liberal. Mrs. Davidson is a most estimable woman, loved and respected by all who know her. For a third of a century she was a true and faithful helpmeet to her husband, and now cherishes and reveres his memory with a love that time cannot efface. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, still retaining her membership in the old church in Ohio, which she joined when thirteen years of age.

HEZEKIAH S. NICHOLS. In studying the lives and characters of prominent men, we are naturally led to inquire into the secret of their success and the motives that have prompted their action. Success is a question of genius, as held by many, but is it not rather a matter of experience and sound judgment; for when we trace the career of those who stand highest in public esteem, we find in nearly every case that they are those who have risen gradually, fighting their way in the face of all opposition, self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success, and to these may we attribute the success that has crowned the efforts of Mr. Nichols, a prominent business man of Sadorus, Illinois.

He was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, April 11, 1833, and is the eldest son of Judson and Mary A. (Wells) Nichols, also natives of Fairfield, where for generations the Nichols family has lived and flourished, his ancestors being among the early Pilgrims. The father was born July 19, 1795, and in early life followed the sea, being owner and captain of a vessel in the merchant service, plying between New York and Boston. He followed that life for a number of years, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred in Fairfield, December 14, 1858. His wife survived him many years, and made several visits to our subject with her daughter, who lived with her. She was born April 27, 1806, and died in Connecticut July 5, 1871. One son, Franklin Wells, born in 1836, served as a soldier of the Civil war in a division under General Banks, and died at the age of twenty-six years, from disease contracted in the service. Thus the family gave one noble boy for their country's cause. Mary J., the

only daughter, born in 1840, married David H. Sherword, and both are now deceased.

During his boyhood Hezekiah S. Nichols attended the common schools and an academy of his native state. When a lad of fifteen he found employment on a merchant vessel engaged in the coasting trade, and at the age of nineteen made his first trip round Cape Horn, bound for San Francisco, as second mate of the vessel. Arriving in that city, he remained there in service on the coast and rivers of California for four years, when he decided to return to his home in Connecticut. He made the journey by the Isthmus of Panama, being there while Walker and his filibustering party were at work. On his arrival home he gave up a sailor's life, in 1856, after having followed it for fourteen years.

On the 5th of July, 1856, Mr. Nichols left New York, for Chicago, and then, with letters of introduction to prominent men, he came to this county, looking for a location. In driving over the county he selected a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Colfax township, which he purchased and improved, operating it with varied success for seven years.

After locating upon his property and partly improving it, Mr. Nichols was married, January 18, 1858, to Miss Eliza H. Wilkinson, who was born in Greenfield, Illinois, in December, 1836. Her parents were natives of England, and on coming to this country first located in Virginia, but later removed to Greene county, Illinois, where their deaths occurred. Of their children only two survive, namely: Thomas, a resident of Beatrice, Nebraska; and Eliza H., wife of our subject. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, but five died in early childhood. The others are as follows: Judson, born December 8, 1859, in Sadorus, is now associated with his father in business, as manager and partner. He married Emma Ford, of this county, and they have five children, Hezekiah O., Judson, Jr., Mary E., Stanley and Sturgis, twins. Mary, born in 1866, is at home with her parents. Edna, born April 26, 1870, is the wife of William Styan, an employe of Joseph Kuhn, a clothier of Champaign, where they make their home, and they have one child, Gladys. Lydia, born in 1896, is the wife of Charles Rock, of Champaign, an employe of Ottenheimer.

After residing upon his farm in Colfax township for seven years, Mr. Nichols sold his personal effects, rented the place, and returned to his boyhood home, remaining there two years. On again coming to Champaign county, he purchased property in the village of Sadorus and erected a modern residence equipped with all the conveniences obtainable. He has eight acres adjoining the village, upon which he has set out fruit trees and shrubs, and has made his place one of the most beautiful homes in the locality.

Having acquired in his travels good business ability, and wishing to broaden his sphere of usefulness, he purchased on old mill and elevator in Sadorus, which he has enlarged and remodelled at an expense of several thousand dollars, and now has the largest and best equipped elevator on the western division of the Wabash Railroad. It has fourteen dumps, with a bin capacity of one hundred and twenty-five thousand bushels, and is supplied with facilities for grinding and shelling grain, the machinery being operated by a forty-horse-power engine. For several years Mr. Nichols has handled and shipped more grain than any

two men on the divison, and during the busy season has averaged about seventy-five carloads of corn per month. He spares no expense in keeping his elevator in repair, and it is one of the most substantial and thoroughly equipped buildings of its kind in the county. Mr. Nichols has carried on the grain business with marked success since 1865, and also deals in lumber and coal, and owns and operates a general mercantile store with a good paying trade. For a number of years he has been interested in the private banking business, and having the entire confidence of the community, his deposits amount to many thousand dollars. Associated with him is his son Judson, who is manager of the business, under the firm name of H. S. Nichols & Son. Both are very competent and thorough business men, and in all lines do the leading business of the town. Mr. Nichols' landed property now amounts to about six hundred acres of land, and under his supervision it has been placed under excellent cultivation, thoroughly tiled and well improved, being considered some of the best farming property in the township where it is located.

In his political views, Mr. Nichols is a Republican, but has never sought public prominence, though he has often had official positions offered him. He was a member of the school board when the school house was erected at Sadorus, and served as justice of the peace four years. He has always been interested in securing anything that would be of advantage to his town, and to all charitable and church work he is a liberal giver, although not a member of any religious denomination. Fraternally he has been an Odd Fellow for many years, and is also a member of J. R. Gordon Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M., of Sadorus.

In 1879, in company with a friend, Mr. Nichols, went to Europe, and spent several months sight-seeing in the different countries, visiting Switzerland, Italy, Germany, England, Scotland and Holland, and all places of interest and historical fame in each country. This proved a very interesting and instructive, as well as enjoyable trip. In his own state he has seen and noted the wonderful changes that have taken place in the last half century. The barren prairies have been converted into valuable farming lands and drives, ranging in early days from one dollar and a quarter to five dollars per acre, having risen to seventy-five and one hundred dollars per acre. In those pioneer days he roughed it with the early settlers for several years, and has ever borne his part in the development and upbuilding of the county. He is a man whom it is a pleasure to meet, being of a hospitable and jolly disposition,—one who enjoys hearing and telling a good story, and in business life he is courteous and obliging. He is widely and favorably known as one of the foremost business men of wealth in the county, and as such is deserving of prominent mention in this volume.

EDMUND R. WADE, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Brown township, Champaign county, Illinois, owns and operates a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 34 and 35, within two miles of Fisher. He is a progressive agriculturist and a man of good business ability, who carries forward to successful complete whatever he undertakes.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Wade was born in Adams county, October 29, 1847, and is

a son of Marcus L. Wade, who was born on the same farm in 1818. The grandfather, Zephamiah Wade, was a native of Maryland and one of the first settlers of Adams county, Ohio, locating there in 1792. Being a surveyor by profession, he helped Israel Donaldson survey that part of the state. The father of our subject is the youngest and only survivor in a family of fifteen children, seven of whom died in childhood. The other lived to a remarkable old age, William being ninety-two years at the time of his death; Elijah, eighty-six; Washburn, eighty-four; Lydia, ninety-five; Mrs. Christina Trenary, eighty-four; Mrs. Ann Pennywitt, eighty, and Mrs. Mahala Naylor, seventy-eight.

Marcus L. Wade bought the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, and engaged in farming there for some years, but finally sold the place and bought another farm in the same neighborhood, where he still makes his home. He is a hale and hearty old man of eighty-two years, and has spent the last three summers with our subject in Illinois. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Lawzon, died in 1889. Edmund R., our subject, was their only son, but they had four daughters, two of whom died young, Harriet, at the age of six years, and Sophrona, at the age of seventeen. The others are Mary E., wife of James L. Canada, of Adams county, Ohio; and Irena, wife of Reason Naylor, of the same place.

In the county of his nativity Edmund R. Wade grew to manhood, and after attending the home schools for some years, he completed his education by a term at Otterbein University. He was married, November 3, 1870, to Miss Susanna Potts, also a native of Adams county and a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Charles) Potts. They began their married life upon his father's farm, which he assisted in operating for nine years, and then bought a place in the same neighborhood, where he carried on farming for fifteen years. In 1865 his father had come to Champaign county, Illinois, and purchased two hundred and forty acres in Brown township, where our subject now resides, and had added to it a tract of eighty acres adjoining in 1875. At that time it was partially improved, and he rented the place for several years, but in the spring of 1895 our subject moved hither and has since devoted his time and attention to the further development and cultivation of the farm. A large and pleasant residence has been built, and many other improvements made, which add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place.

Mr. Wade has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died January 23, 1897, and was laid to rest in Naylor cemetery. The children born to them were Ann E., who died in Ohio when a young lady; Edmund Lafayette, who married Viola Pritchard and resides in Westfield, Illinois, where he is pursuing a theological course preparatory to entering the ministry; Charles Henry, who married Lucy Ring, of Fisher, and aids his father in carrying on the home farm; Elizabeth Rosetta, at home; and Oris Luther and Orla Jefferson, students in the home school.

Originally Mr. Wade was a Republican in politics and cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1868, but of late years has supported the Prohibition party in national affairs, having always been a friend of the temperance cause. At local elections, however, he votes independent of

party ties, supporting the man whom he believes best qualified for the office. He is now efficiently serving as school director in his district. Religiously he is a prominent member of the United Brethren church of Fisher, with which he is officially connected, and has been an active worker in both church and Sabbath school from his youth, serving as superintendent of the Sabbath school a number of times in Ohio, and for a year and a half in this county. He is a true and earnest Christian, and is highly respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

JOHN W. KEACH. Seventy-five years ago this worthy citizen of Tolono was born in Rhode Island, but in view of the fact that his life had been an exceedingly busy and active one, he carries the weight of his years very lightly and bids fair to enjoy many more. He has been a witness of remarkable changes in Illinois during the nearly half a century of his residence here, and is deserving of much credit for the part which he has played in the achievement of this grand result.

Born in February, 1825, Mr. Keach is a son of Amasa and Abigail (Hull) Keach, who were, likewise, natives of Rhode Island. The father owned land and was occupied in farming in his native state, and later in Vermont and New York. The mother died in the Empire state, and the father then diposed of his property and spent the remainder of his life in Illinois. Of their seven children, one died in infancy, and only John W. and Calista, widow of David Morgan, of Arkansas, now survive. Eliza, Orin, Caroline and Lawson are deceased.

In childhood John W. Keach was taken to Vermont, and in the schools of that state and New York he obtained his education. At the age of eighteen years he secured employment with the Canada & Great Western Railroad, in the construction department, and later performed work on contract. In 1853 he came to Illinois, where he was placed in charge of a construction train on the Wabash railroad and assisted in laying the first steel rail of that system at Naples, Illinois. This calling he continued to follow successfully until 1856, when he located in Springfield, this state, where he was the manager of a flour mill for a period. At length he settled on a farm in Champaign county, where he lived for about three years, when, desiring to give his children better educational advantages, he became a resident of Sadorus, Illinois, in 1863, and remained there for twenty years. In 1883 he returned to the cultivation of the soil, though his task was merely supervising the actual work and improvements on his farms. They comprise over four hundred acres of valuable land, with modern buildings and accessories, and are situated in the best portions of Tolono, Pesotum and Colfax townships. In 1891 he rented his property and purchased the pleasant home in Tolono, where he and his estimable wife reside to-day. His business career is above reproach and his example should be emulated by the rising generation. He early recognized the fact that hard work and perseverance are at the root of success, in almost every instance, and he spared himself no effort in the accomplishment of the tasks which he had set before him.

For a wife Mr. Keach chose Jeanette, daughter of William and Mary (Olmstead) Sebring, who were among the earliest set-

tlers of La Salle county, Illinois. Mrs. Keach was born in that locality in 1838, and thus has been a witness of nearly all of the great changes which time and the progressive spirit of mankind have brought to this state. The eldest child of our subject and wife was Hattie, who married Herbert Craw, of Sadorus, and is deceased. Alma, the next child, also has passed away. She was the wife of Joseph Goudie, and died, leaving one child, Ina. Lewis, who carries on one of the farms belonging to his father, is married and has two sons, Clarence and Guy, and one daughter, Merle. Bessie, who became the wife of Ernest Rutenber, lives on one of her father's farms and has one daughter, Marie.

Mr. Keach never associated himself with fraternal organizations, nor has he taken an active part in politics, contenting himself with voting for the nominees of the Republican party. He has strenuously avoided holding public office, preferring to to devote his time and attention to his business affairs and family, although while living in Sadorus he served as justice of the peace for four years, and for six years he served as commissioner of the Kaskaskia special drainage district. Mrs. Keach is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and both are liberal towards the poor and worthy charities.

SAMUEL J. HICKS, M. D., the leading physician of Ivesdale and a prominent citizen of that place, was born in Ripley county, Indiana, August 21, 1863, and is a son of John C. Hicks, M. D., whose father and grandfather were also physicians and surgeons of this country. On the maternal side the latter was of Irish descent. The father of our subject has for many years been successfully engaged in practice at Napoleon, Indiana. Although now sixty-one years of age, he attends regularly to his professional duties. He married Miss Adelia C. Lamb, a native of Butler county, Ohio, and to them were born four children, namely: Samuel our subject; Albert D., an employe of the Big Four Railroad Company; Alice M., at home with her parents; and Roy M., who has been employed as guard at the insane asylum, at Indianapolis, Indiana, for several years.

As a boy our subject received his literary education in the common and high schools of Cincinnati, where he lived with an aunt until fifteen years of age. After his graduation he taught school for a year and then began the study of medicine, becoming a student at the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D., March 11, 1890. Returning to Napoleon, Indiana, he engaged in practice there for six years, and then spent the following year in Elliot, Illinois, at the end of which time he came to Ivesdale, where he opened an office. He is now recognized as one of the leading physicians and surgeons in the western part of the county, and enjoys quite an extensive practice.

In Champaign, Dr. Hicks was married, in 1893, to Miss Fanny Donley, who was born near Pekin, Illinois, in 1872, and they now have two children: Ferol M., aged six years; and Ruth C., aged three. In his political views the Doctor is a Republican. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Court of Honor, and is examining physician for these two orders, also the New York Life Insurance Company

and other old line companies. He is widely and favorably known, being quite popular in social as well as business circles.

CHARLES D. BABB. One of the many native-born sons of Champaign county who have achieved success within its borders, C. D. Babb, is now numbered among the citizens of Homer. He has an abiding faith in the future of central Illinois, believing that though great prosperity has come to this region already, by the energetic work and watchfulness of its residents, still greater things are in store for us, and that, in due time, it will be a veritable garden of bloom and beauty, as England often is styled.

His father, Milton Babb, a native of West Virginia, was a thrifty, energetic business man, and though he died while in his prime, he left a large estate and an honored name to his descendants. From his youth he was interested in live stock, buying, selling and shipping extensively, and his business brought him into contact with people throughout central Illinois and other states. He owned a fine homestead in North Ogden township, Champaign county, where he located when he was twenty-five years of age, upon arriving in this state. This farm, comprising ten hundred and fifty acres, was improved by him, and much increased in value, though his career was cut short and many of his ambitious plans were not carried into execution. He was a Republican in his political views, and, with his wife, was a Methodist in religious belief. She was Elizabeth Littler prior to their marriage and their four children were: Edwin P., who married Emma Conkey, and carries on the old homestead in Ogden township; Alice J., who was the wife of George Helm, and died when twenty-one years of age, leaving two little girls, Mary A. and Mabel J.; James E., who wedded Daisy Tinkham, and has one son, James T.; and the subject of this sketch. James E., formerly a member of the firm of Fry & Babb, attorneys-at-law, in Chicago, now is engaged in the practice of his profession in Lewiston, Idaho. After the death of her husband, Mr. Babb, in 1869, the young widow, with her four little ones, found that her responsibilities were extremely heavy. She is still living, her residence being in Homer.

The birth of C. D. Babb took place on the old homestead in Ogden township, January 2, 1867, and his elementary education was gained in the common schools of Homer. Later it was his privilege to attend Illinois college at Jacksonville, where his brothers and sisters also were educated in the higher branches. In 1888 he obtained a position as collection clerk in the Champaign National Bank, where he continued for five years, in the meantime gaining wide experience in the banking business. In 1893, in company with Eugene N. Raynor, of Champaign, he established real estate and loan offices at Homer, and Champaign, he taking charge of the one at Homer, while his partner attends to the Champaign office. They make a specialty of dealing in improved and unimproved property in central Illinois, and are rapidly making a place for themselves in the esteem of the business public. Enterprise and strict integrity are the secrets of their success, and uniform courtesy marks their treatment of customers. On the 1st of March, 1900, the firm commenced a general banking business at Homer, and being young and enterprising

men, having the confidence of the business community, there is no doubt of their success.

On the 20th of April, 1892, Mr. Babb married Alta M. Woody, daughter of Ancil C. Woody, who located in this county at an early day, coming here from Indiana. He was engaged in the grocery business for some time, and for many years was a wholesale confectioner of Decatur. At present he is employed by the wholesale grocers. Peyton, Palmer & Company, of Danville, Illinois, as a travelling salesman, his family residing in Homer. . His only son, Robert, died in childhood. Susan is at home and Mary is a student in the Illinois Womens' College, at Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. Babb have a little daughter, Margaret Elizabeth.

Fraternally, Mr. Babb is a member of Homer Lodge, No. 199, F. & A. M. Politically, he is a Republican. Both he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church, and are liberal in their contributions to local enterprises and benevolences.

MRS. HARRIET H. RAMEY is one of the honored pioneers of Champaign county, which, as she first beheld it, bore little resemblance to the flourishing agricultural tract of the present day. Both she and her respected husband were active in the actual improvement of their homestead, and for more than half a century she has manifested her deep interest in the prosperity of this section.

Her parents were Valentine and Katie (Coon) Mutchler, natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. The father went to Pickaway county, Ohio, in his early manhood, and there engaged in farming until 1822, when he located in Marion county, same state. There he cleared a farm which was covered with a heavy growth of beech trees, and finally selling it at a good price, he bought land on the bank of the Sandusky river, and proceeded to run a saw-mill for several years. He then went to Indiana, where he cleared and improved three hundred acres and passed his last years. His wife had died some years previously in Marion county, about 1835.

The birth of Mrs. Harriet H. Ramey occurred in Pickaway county, Ohio, December 22, 1820, and her early years were spent upon her father's farms in the depths of the forest. She was young when she gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Ramey, the ceremony which united their destinies being performed January 31, 1839. He was a native of Ross county, Ohio, born in 1819, and his father, Presley Ramey, was one of the first settlers in that portion of the state, coming there from his former home in Virginia. He passed his last years at the home of his son Samuel, his death taking place in 1841.

For several years subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Ramey rented land in Wyandotte county, Ohio, and in 1848 he came to Piatt county, where he bought a quarter section of land. During the years that he made his home there he greatly improved the place, and in 1883 he was enabled to dispose of it at a good price. Coming to Mahomet, he built a substantial house, which still shelters his widow, and later he bought twenty-eight acres in one tract and sixty-six acres in another piece not far from the railroad station. For some years after coming to this place he continued to cultivate his land, and was regarded as one of

the most practical and successful agriculturists of the town.

In all of his dealings with his fellowmen, Mr. Ramey was strictly upright and just, his example being well worthy of emulation. He never failed to do his full share as a public-spirited citizen, and was actively interested in the Democratic party, though in local elections he supported the best man or principle regardless of party lines. At length, when his life work had been well rounded out, he was summoned to his reward, May 28, 1893, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ramey, four died in early years, and Stephen, on whom the worthy couple built their brightest hopes, died when in his eighteenth year. One daughter, Letha, survives and is the wife of William Comer, of Mansfield, Illinois, and they have seven children, in each of whom Mrs. Ramey takes great pride and comfort. For the past five years she has had as her constant friend and companion, Miss Eliza Jane Parker, daughter of John Parker, of Pike county. Loved and looked up to by all who know her, she is quietly and happily passing her declining years, secure in the esteem and friendship of everyone, and free from regrets over the past, for she has earnestly striven to do her duty toward God and man.

D F. D. HINTON. The hardy frontiersman of America had much greater tasks before him than the mere tilling of the soil—for forests there were to raze, prairies to be broken, rivers to bridge, roads to make, privations and hardships innumerable to endure, trials and dangers which might make the bravest heart quail, yet rarely has he faltered in the noble work, none the less grand because self-imposed — the work which means civilization and progress in regions hitherto uninhabited save by the red men and wild beasts. In the mighty work of rendering the great state of Illinois a fitting place for mankind, D. F. D. Hinton certainly has done his share, and no one is more deserving of praise.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was one of the sturdy pioneers of Kentucky, and in that state occurred the birth of the latter's father, Judge M. L. Hinton. He grew to manhood there and at an early day went to Ohio, where he located upon a farm in the depths of the forests of Ross county. He was married, in the Buckeye state, to Rachel, daughter of Daniel Poffenbarger, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. In 1831 Mr. Hinton removed with his family to Clinton county, Indiana, where he cleared a homestead and spent the remainder of his life, engaged in the quiet routine of agriculture. Becoming well known and thoroughly esteemed, he was honored by being made county judge and justice of the peace. In the last mentioned capacity he served the people for twenty-four years, and for a long period he was treasurer of the local school board. Death put an end to his useful career in 1866, and he was survived for some eighteen years by his devoted wife, who had nobly shared the vicissitudes of pioneer life with him.

The children of Judge Hinton and wife were seven in number. The eldest, Isabelle, is the wife of Greenbury Blacker, of Clinton county, Indiana. C. W. Hinton, who died in Champaign county in 1898, resided here for many years and was highly esteemed. Paleman, who also died in this

county, was one of the early settlers here, the date of his location here being 1851. D. F. D. is the next in order of birth. Eveline, wife of Samuel Bailey, lives in Clinton county, Indiana, and Minerva, deceased, was the wife of Matthew Osburn; Sarah J. died when about ten years of age.

D. F. D. Hinton was born on the old homestead in Ross county, Ohio, June 20, 1831, and in infancy was taken to the Hoosier state, where he spent his boyhood. He early learned farming in its various branches, and his educational advantages consisted of a few months schooling each winter for a few years. One of the most important events in his life was his marriage, October 22, 1851, to Fannie Rowe, a schoolmate and neighbor. She was born in Ohio, and accompanied her father, Samuel Rowe, to Indiana, where the family dwelt for years.

After his marriage, Mr. Hinton bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Champaign county, at the land sale held at Danville, Illinois. This property, which was situated on the county line, is the place now owned by R. Buchan. In the spring of 1852 our subject moved to Newcomb township, and during the ensuing years was kept busy at the improvement and cultivation of his farm, which he converted from wild prairie into a fertile, beautiful homestead. Selling out in 1867, he bought his present farm of eighty acres, on which then stood a small log cabin, and only a few acres had been broken by the plow. Years rolled away, and great changes for the better had been instituted by the enterprising owner, who later added eighty acres to his original purchase, and still later bought another tract of like dimensions, thus making two hundred and forty acres altogether. His home is located in section 9, Newcomb township, where he carries on a quarter section of land, having given eighty acres to his sons. A substantial residence and barns, orchard and numerous other improvements, testify to his enterprise and success.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hinton nine children were born. The eldest, Michael, died November 24, 1897, but all of the others are living and are respected citizens of the several communities in which their lot is cast. William A. is engaged in farming on the place adjoining the old homestead. Jordan F. is a successful business man of Fisher. W. S. is a farmer of Brown township, and Thomas D. is married and carries on a farm in this township. Charles A. is at home and aids in the management of the farm. Jeanette, a young lady, is at home, while Rosa B. is the wife of Samuel Wycoff of this township, and Mary M. is the wife of Ralph Mitchell.

As was his father before him, Mr. Hinton has been a life-long Democrat. He has served his neighbors and friends in numerous local offices, such as township assessor, collector, trustee and commissioner of highways. In the last-named position he served for twenty-four years, a portion of that period being treasurer of the board. He also has used his influence in behalf of good schools and educational facilities for the young, and has long been an efficient member of the school board. Mrs. Hinton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and all of the family are identified with the grand work which this denomination is carrying on. Both our subject and wife have labored to perform every duty devolving upon them as parents, neighbors and citizens, and with fortitude and true heroism they mastered the difficulties of pioneer

life and reared their children to take honored places in the "world's broad field of battle."

GEORGE F. MAXWELL. Those who are acquainted with the subject of this sketch, and know something of the disadvantages under which he has labored in the battle of life feel the highest respect and admiration for him and what he has accomplished. He is a man of high principle and courage, and by unflagging industry and perseverance in his undertakings he has accumulated a considerable fortune, and at the same time has discharged all of the duties of citizenship in a creditable manner.

His grandfather, Jonathan Maxwell, was one of the pioneers of Bartholomew county, Indiana, and of Champaign county, Illinois. He wedded Johanna Sterling, and in 1830 settled in this state, when it was looked upon as the outpost of civilization. Thenceforth he dwelt in Mahomet township, rearing his children to take useful places in the community. One of the number, Joseph, born in Batholomew county, Indiana, May 16, 1824, grew to maturity in this township and here married Rosanna, daughter of Samuel and Olive (Franklin) Hyde, who were natives of Vermont and New York, respectively, and had settled in Illinois in 1849. Joseph Maxwell became one of the well-to-do and influential farmers of this county and, after the death of his beloved wife, January 16, 1883, he retired from active labors and spent his last years in Mansfield, this state. His long and useful career was brought to a peaceful close May 9, 1897.

Of the children born to this worthy couple, George F. Maxwell was the eldest. His birth occurred on the old family homestead in Mahomet township, June 2, 1853, and in his boyhood he mastered the details of farming. When he was five years old scarlet fever caused the loss of his hearing and voice, and his education was obtained in the Jacksonville Deaf and Dumb Institute, where he was graduated in the class of 1873. While a student there he became acquainted with Miss Phœbe M. Bird, who, while not entirely deaf, had no control over her vocal organs. The attachment between the young people was genuine and finally they were married, January 3, 1875, in East Beatrice, Nebraska. Mrs. Maxwell is a native of the state of New York, but removed to Texas with her parents when she was four years of age. Silas and Betsey A. (Wooley) Bird, for such are their names, also were born in the Empire state, and after their removal to Texas the father was actively engaged in merchandising and dealing in live stock. He departed this life February 22, 1859, when Mrs. Maxwell was quite young.

After the marriage of our subject and wife they commenced keeping house on the old Maxwell homestead and by diligent attention to every department of farming, gradually acquired a competence. In 1890 they located upon their present place, on section 17, Mahomet township. This property had been improved materially by our subject's father, and during the past decade many other changes for the better have been instituted by the thrifty owner. The homestead comprises one hundred and twenty acres, in addition to which Mr. Maxwell owns a good residence in Mansfield, while his wife is the possessor of two lots and a pleasant house in Mahomet. The result of their united efforts thus is something of which they may justly be proud and

though advantage has ofttimes been taken of them by the unscrupulous, the world, as a whole, has not used them unkindly and their lives are peaceful and happy. They have one child, Helen M., a bright, promising girl, now attending a neighboring school. She speaks the deaf and dumb alphabet with facility and also has the complete controlof her vocal organs.

Politically, Mr. Maxwell favors the Prohibition party with his ballot, though in former years he supported the Democratic platform and nominees. Religiously, both he and his estimable wife are Baptists and are valued workers in the denomination. Their influence is always found on the side of righteousness and progress, and the poor and needy find in them sincere friends. They are loved and honored for their qualities of sterling worth, and their example should prove an inspiration to all who know them.

HORACE HAZEN. Possessing the native talent and keen business ability so characteristic of the sons of New England, Horace Hazen has made his own way in the world without outside assistance or influence, and now, in the evening time of life, he enjoys the fruits of his former years of toil, and the high regard of his scores of friends and acquaintances.

This sterling citizen of Newcomb township, Champaign county, was born July 13, 1823, a son of Lyman and Polly (Ingraham) Hazen, and grandson of Solomon Hazen, all natives of the Green Mountain state. The mother of our subject died when he was a child of about three years, and he was taken into the home of Abner Fuller, of Stowe, Vermont. That gentleman and his estimable wife were extremely kind to the boy, treating him with all of the love and consideration they would have manifested toward him if he had been their own child. That he appreciated this was shown later, when he remained with his foster parents, buying and managing the old homestead, and caring for them in their declining years.

An important event in the life of Horace Hazen was his marriage to Sarah Ann Kellogg, a native of Vermont, June 2, 1847. She was a daughter of Warner and Jennie (Gregg) Kellogg, who, likewise, were Vermont people. The father came to the west with Mrs. Hazen in 1854, after the death of the mother, and died the following winter at Metamora. Faithfully and cheerfully did Mrs. Hazen aid her husband in the days of his pioneer life, and she was beloved and honored by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She passed away at their home, January 15, 1897, and was placed to rest in the cemetery at Shiloh. The four surviving sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen are fine, enterprising young business men. The eldest, Fred, married Lelia Bonner, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, and for several years was successfully engaged in teaching in Champaign county. Her father, W. J. Bonner, removed from Ohio to Illinois many years ago, and here she grew to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hazen have four children: Kate, Edna, George and Fred, Jr. Pearl Hazen, who carries on a portion of his father's old homestead, married Ada Jaynes daughter of Amos Jaynes and has two sons and two daughters: Sarah, Horace, Jennie and Wiley. Mark, the next son, married Cora Funston, daughter of John Funston, and they reside in Champaign. Dan married Jessie Reeder, daughter of Jacob Reeder, and is a business man of Fisher, Illi-

nois. They have one child, Cecil. The two daughters of our subject and wife, Ellen and Alma, were two and seven years of age, respectively, when the death angel claimed them. George, the oldest of the family, was accidentally killed. He was married, and his daughter, Nellie, now is the wife of Joseph Fletcher, of Sterling, Illinois, and their child, Mildred, is the only great-grandchild of our subject. Another son, Edward, lived to maturity and then was summoned to the silent land.

The first presidential ballot cast by Horace Hazen was given to the free soil candidate in 1844, but, from the time of the organization of the Republican party, in 1856, he has never failed to be present at the polls and has supported the nominees of that great political body. He has not been an aspirant to official distinction, but for several years was an efficient member of the school board.

For two or three years subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Hazen carried on a farm in his native state, and then, selling out, he came to the west. After spending one summer in Ohio he joined a colony of nine or ten families who drove across the country to Illinois, and passed through Mahomet, then called Middleton, but continued to journey to Clinton, De Witt county, where Mrs. Hazen's cousin was living. Thence they proceeded to Metamora and rented a house, where they lived that winter. In the meantime, he and three of his brothers-in-law bought adjoining farms. On his own tract of eighty acres, Mr. Hazen erected a good house and barn and made substantial improvements, including the planting of an orchard and shade trees. Later, he invested in another tract of eighty acres next to his original place, and finally, in 1875, he sold out at a fair price, and came to Champaign county. Here he purchased three hundred and thirty acres of fine land, not far from Shiloh, and, as the years passed, instituted numerous changes which greatly increased the beauty and value of the homestead. His object in coming to Champaign was in order to purchase enough land that he might settle his boys near him.

CLARENCE L. BALDWIN. Champaign county has many well-to-do and successful agriculturists whose success in life is due to their own individual efforts. Prominent among these is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He is residing on section 18, Pesotum township, where he is industriously engaged in the prosecution of his noble calling and is meeting with far more than ordinary success.

Mr. Baldwin was born in Connecticut in 1847, and is a son of Samuel S. and Mary E. (Fairchild) Baldwin, also natives of the Nutmeg state, where their marriage was celebrated. After following farming for a time in Connecticut the father removed with his family to New York state, where he continued to engage in his chosen occupation quite successfully for ten years, and then, in 1856, came to Champaign county, Illinois, purchasing three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 18, Pesotum township, which at that time was wild and unbroken prairie land and Sadorus contained but two shanties. He took up his abode near his tract and immediately began to improve it. The first house erected was framed in Rome, New York, was shipped by water to Chicago and by rail to Tolono. By hard work and with the aid

of his sons he placed a part of his land under cultivation the first year, and later added much in the way of improvements, building fences and setting out fruit and shade trees, which did much toward beautifying the place. He was very active throughout life. His death occurred in 1874 and his wife passed away in 1876. Both were consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Jerome, who was a member of an Illinois regiment during the Civil war and is now a resident of Chicago; Melvin, a prosperous merchant of Lower California; Clarence L., our subject; Albert, a farmer of Eastern Kansas; Martha L., wife of Jesse Cook, a merchant of Salt Lake City, Utah, where he owns a comfortable home; and Carrie, wife of James Little, who is in the oil business in Girard, Kansas.

The subject of this sketch began his education in the common schools of New York, and when ten years of age came with his parents to this county, where he attended school in the village of Sadorus. He lived at home and assisted his father in the farm work until of age, and then rented land of his father and engaged in farming for himself.

In December, 1869, Mr. Baldwin was united in marriage with Miss Mary Rawlings, who was born in Rush county, Indiana, in 1851, a daughter of Coleman and Eleander (Wells) Rawlings, natives of Kentucky. Her mother died in Indiana in 1860, and the following year the remainder of the family came to Champaign county, Illinois. The father is still living at the age of eighty-five years, and now makes his home in eastern Kansas. He has always been a very hard working man, and has had a very eventful career as a pioneer. He was three times married and by his first wife had five children, three of whom are still living. Mrs. Baldwin's mother was the second wife, and by that union there were also five children, three now living, namely: Preston, who is living in eastern Kansas; Mary, wife of our subject; and Florence, wife of A. Little. By the last marriage there is one child. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, one died in infancy; Charles H., proprietor of a livery stable in Sadorus, is married and has one daughter, Alta M.; Edgar S., living upon a part of his father's farm in Sadorus township, is married and has one daughter, Nellie; Harry M. is an employe of the Vandalia Railroad Company at Effingham, Illinois, and Ray L., Walter J. Nellie E. and Bert P. are all at home attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin began their domestic life in a rough house on the site of their present comfortable home. At that time the land was wild and unimproved, and in order to convert it into a highly cultivated tract he had to begin at the very bottom. After the death of his father he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home property, and is now owner of the same, having two hundred and thirteen acres of land in Pesotum and Sadorus township. Throughout his active business life he has given his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and has met with most excellent success in his labors, being a thorough and systematic farmer of good business and executive ability.

Mr. Baldwin is a prominent worker in the Republican party in his community, though he has never been prevailed upon to accept any political position. He has, however, served as school director in his

district for a quarter of a century, and always takes a deep and commendable interest in the welfare of his township and county. Although not a member of any church, he is a supporter of church work, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Sadorus. He is of a jovial disposition, has the respect and confidence of all who know him, and is very popular with his many friends.

MORTIMER SMITH, an honored pioneer of Homer, has experienced frontier life in many phases, and has manfully and indefatigably labored for the advancement of civilization throughout his long and varied career. A full account of the many enterprises he has undertaken, the railroads he has assisted to build, the roads he has made, the forests he has hewn, the land he has improved, would constitute a volume of itself, and prove of interest even to those who are not acquainted with him, as showing what may be accomplished by a man of determination and energy.

Mr. Smith was born in Washington county, Indiana, March 2, 1833, and is the son of William and Julia A. (Ransom) Smith, the former a native of Lancastershire, England, born April 23, 1801, and the latter of Albany, New York, born June 12, 1806. They were married September 5, 1826, in Harrison county, Indiana, and became the parents of six sons and four daughters, as follows: Oliver, born May 24, 1828, died June 5, of the same year. George W., born December 22, 1829, married Louisa Bliss, at Salem, Indiana, November 22, 1849. They have three sons and two daughters. Mary E., born January 6, 1831, was married in Hanover, Indiana, November 14, 1854, to Daniel W. Bowen, and became the mother of one son and four daughters. She died at Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 12, 1894. Mortimer is the subject of this sketch. Milton W., born December 21, 1834, was married in Salem, Indiana, in 1863, to Margaret E. Wiseman. Two daughters blessed their union. He died in Scottsburg, Indiana, February 14, 1887. Sarah R. H., born May 26, 1837, died June 9, of the same year. William H. H., born April 12, 1839, married Cordelia C. Ervin, at Homer, Illinois, December 28, 1868, and to them were born four sons and three daughters. Alice F., born March 6, 1841, died March 19, 1844, at Salem, Indiana. Francis M., born April 24, 1843, was married September 13, 1870, at Homer, Illinois, to Frances B. Butler, and they have one son and one daughter. Lois J. A., born May 10, 1845, married Alexander L. Thompson, at Homer, Illinois, November 10, 1868, and became the mother of three sons and three daughters. She died in Homer, Illinois, May 27, 1886. All the children were born in Salem, Indiana. The parents are both deceased, the father dying in Hanover, Indiana, July 3, 1849, and the mother in Homer, Illinois, July 28, 1890.

Mortimer Smith was reared on a farm and received the limited educational advantages common to the children of that period and locality. Indeed, he was not fourteen years of age when he started out to fight the battle of life for himself, at least in a measure, for he worked at sawing wood and received twelve and a half cents a day, being thus employed much of the time for two or three years. He then removed with his parents to Scott county, Indiana, and there engaged in agriculture for one season. He then went to Hanover, Indiana, where he carried on a farm and at the same

time did teaming for five or six years, and thence to New Orleans on a flat boat, the trip taking fifty days. His experiences in this line were very novel and not altogether pleasant, for the feeling between the north and south was waxing strong, and threats and violence were more or less open and determined.

In 1853 Mr. Smith came to Champaign county, and, after clerking for a few weeks in the Donahue House, at Urbana, he made a contract with some New York parties to get out ties and timber for the new railroad. Hiring a number of hands, he proceeded with them to the present site of Danville Junction, then a heavily wooded country, and Danville itself containing only two brick stores. He remained in the employ of the railroad for about a year, having charge of all the horses and wagons, and a crew of some sixty Irishmen for grading the road-bed. Under his supervision the trees standing where the present depot and round-house are located were leveled to the ground. Later, he accepted a place as watchman near one of the railroad bridges, after which he became road foreman at Sidney, Illinois. Finally, he came to Homer, where he was foreman for ten years, and thus terminated his railroad service.

In 1866 Mr. Smith purchased a tile horse-power mill from J. W. Penfield, who had placed it on exhibition at Decatur, and for twelve years he continued to operate the mill at Homer, where he had set it up. In the meantime he also bought three sawmills which he placed in operation in this vicinity. Selling one of them, he invested a large sum in the steam flouring mill belonging to John Hays. This mill, substantially built, and four stories in height, was situated in Homer, but was destroyed by fire about two years after it came into the possession of our subject. He continued to carry on the tile factory until 1894, when he sold out and the last one of his sawmills was disposed of more than a score of years ago.

Gradually, Mr. Smith had been accumulating land, and more and more had devoted his attention to agriculture and stock raising, in which enterprises he has been very successful. His first purchase of land was in 1870, it consisting of eighty acres of section 28, Homer township, and at the present time he owns twelve hundred and fifty-three acres. This property, improved and valuable, is located in Champaign and Homer townships, and in Sidell township, Vermilion county. The home place of Mr. Smith, comprising one hundred and forty acres, lies at the limits of the town of Homer, about fifty acres being within the corporation limits. He removed here from his former home in the village, about eighteen years ago, and for some time he has made a business of feeding hogs and cattle for the market, shipping about two or three carloads of cattle each year.

The only secrets of Mr. Smith's success are that he has not scorned to perform "honest work for honest pay," and that he has been economical and upright in all his transactions. He merits and enjoys the high respect in which he is held by his fellow citizens, and is not slow to manifest the genuine interest which he maintains in the progress of this community. He served as a school director for ten years and for a like period was a highway commissioner. He is one of the stockholders of the Homer Fair Association and at different times has invested money and influence in local enterprises. Socially, he is identified with Homer Lodge, No. 199, F. & A. M., and

politically, he is affiliated with the Republican party.

In September, 1857, Mr. Smith married Jennie, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Jones) Trisler. They were natives of Ohio and became pioneers of Danville, Illinois, as early as 1839. The father was a carpenter by trade and also was skilled as a wagon-maker, but after his arrival in this state he engaged in farming in Vermilion county for some time; later resumed his accustomed employment. Mrs. Smith, who was born in Danville, is one of the three surviving children of the parental family.

The eldest child of our subject and wife is Julia, wife of L. M. Yeazel, of Homer, and their children are named respectively: Estella, Jennie, Nellie and Lenia. William, the eldest son, wedded Jennie Robinson and resides in Homer township. Clara died at the age of twenty months. Mary is the widow of B. L. Poisal, whose death, February 24, 1899, was the result of an accident, and who formerly was a general merchant in Iowa. Charles, whose home is in Vance township, Vermilion county, Illinois, chose as his wife Elizabeth Jurgensmyer, and their four children are Esther, Howard, William and Oral. Jennie, who is the wife of Wiley C. Wamsley, a farmer, resides near Dumont, Iowa. Nellie is the wife of Charles B. Coffeen, who is a miner and prospector at Idaho Springs, Colorado. Harry J., the youngest of the family, is at home, and loyally aids his father in all of his undertakings.

WILEY DAVIS, who dates his residence in Champaign county from February, 1849, is one of the honored citizens of this section of the state. He has witnessed almost the entire development of the county and has aided materially in the advancement of its interests along all lines of progress, and therefore is justly entitled to representation in its annals.

The birth of Wiley Davis took place in Neenah, Licking county, Ohio, May 5, 1819. His father, Zachariah Davis, a native of Pennsylvania, was one of the first settlers of Licking county, and his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Roberts, was born in Virginia. The father was a wheelwright by trade, and for many years he was successfully engaged in business at Neenah. Later he came to Illinois, and his remaining years were passed at the home of his daughter in Danville. His wife was summoned to the better land in 1847, and of their eight children who lived to maturity only three now survive. William Davis resides in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he is engaged in farming, and Eliza, wife of Robert Carnahan, lives in Danville.

Wiley Davis enjoyed common school privileges, and when a young man learned the butcher's business. He then carried on a shop at Neenah in partnership with a brother for some ten years, and in the beginning of 1849 he came to this county and bought two hundred and forty acres of his present homestead. There was a good log house upon the place, and about forty acres had been cleared. He continued to improve his farm, and, as opportunity offered, bought additional property, until he owned, altogether, about eight hundred acres. He erected a commodious farm house and large barns, and greatly added to the value and desirability of his homestead in various ways, until it was conceded to be one of the best country places in the county. In 1893 his house was destroyed by fire, and he soon

set about the building of another one, designed on modern lines. This attractive residence, together with all of the numerous other improvements upon the place, renders it a pleasant and profitable place to dwell. Mr. Davis has made a specialty of raising and feeding polled Angus cattle and keeping standard bred horses and other fine live stock. In 1899 he bought eight lots in the village of Mahomet, the particular beauty of the premises being the fine shade trees. Here he has had erected a large modern house, with a furnace and all of the essentials of the ideal home of the period, and, without question, it is the most beautiful residence in the town. He has shown good taste in every detail of his new house and takes just pride in fitting up his new home, which he has earned by a long and busy career.

In Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Davis married Mary Jane Slyder, a native of that town, the wedding ceremony taking place February 18, 1847. In 1897 they celebrated the fifteth anniversary of that event, a host of their friends coming from Champaign and Urbana, and, in fact, from all parts of this county to do honor to the occasion. They brought many beautiful and substantial tokens of their respect and affection, and the event will long be remembered by everyone present. Mrs. Davis a daughter of the Rev. Elijah Slyder, who for some years was a well known citizen of Dayton, Ohio, but who died during the cholera epidemic of 1831.

Since 1857, when Mr. Davis and wife joined the Methodist Episcopal church they have faithfully assisted in the noble work of that denomination, and have endeavored to live lives beyond reproach. Politically, Mr. Davis originally was an old line Whig, and cast his first presidential ballot for William Henry Harrison, in 1840. When the Republican party was organized, he became an ardent supporter of that body, and at every election for the past sixty years he has been at the polls, ready to deposit his ballot—a record which is rarely beaten. He has manifested the same devotion to what he has believed to be his duty in every branch of human enterprise, and his example is worthy of omulation by the rising generation. Fraternally, he is associated with the Masonic order, being a Master Mason, and in the Odd Fellows Order he is past noble grand. Both he and his estimable wife are highly esteemed by those who have known them almost a lifetime, and, as together they struggled against poverty and the hardships which only the pioneers can know, so now they are enjoying the peace and plenty which they richly deserve.

JAMES REARDEN eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of Champaign county who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name. He now owns and operates a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 35, Brown and Newcomb township, pleasantly located within two miles of Fisher.

Mr. Rearden is a native of Ireland, born in county Cork, in 1832, and is a son of Dennis Rearden. He came to the United States in 1846, when a lad of fourteen years, landing in Baltimore in May of that year. Going to Pennsylvania soon afterward, he began work on the Pennsylvania Central

Railroad, driving a team for a short time at first. He helped build the road to Pittsburg and remained with the company for several years. He visited Johnstown when it contained but one overall store and a blacksmith shop. In 1857 he came to Illinois and located in Carroll county, where he rented land and followed farming for several years.

At Dixon, Illinois, Mr. Rearden was married, in 1865, to Miss Ellen Burns, and soon afterward went to Bloomington, where he worked on a farm for three years. In 1867 he came to Champaign county and purchased forty acres of wild land in Brown township, where he now resides. He immediately commenced to break and improve his land. Although it was with difficulty he managed to get along during the first few years of his residence here, he had steadily prospered and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in the home place and has an eighty-acre tract in Newcomb township. He has made many improvements upon his farm, including the erection of good buildings, and now has a very valuable and attractive place.

Mrs. Rearden died in July, 1899, and was laid to rest in the Rantoul Catholic cemetery. Our subject has one son, John, who assists his father in carrying on the farm. In politics Mr. Rearden is a stalwart Democrat, and in religious belief is a Catholic. Coming to America without a dollar in his possession he deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved in life, it being due entirely to his industry, perseverance and sound judgment in business transactions. Upright and honorable in all things, he commands the respect and confidence of all who know him, and his friends are many throughout Champaign county.

JOHN CARTER, a prominent citizen of Mahomet township, Champaign county, has dwelt within the borders of this county for just half a century, and has been very active in bringing about the peace and prosperity which is the lot of the inhabitants of to-day. Starting out in the battle of life a poor lad, he overcame the almost innumerable obstacles in his pathway, and after enduring the hardships and privations which are the common lot of the frontiersman, he achieved the success so richly deserved by him.

The birth of John Carter took place seventy-eight years ago, in Queens county, Ireland. His twin brother, Robert, came to Illinois in 1850, and for many years has been numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Peoria county. He reared seven children to maturity and has lived to see each of them happily married, and in homes of their own. Our subject and his brother, upon reaching manhood, determined to try their fortunes in the west, then first giving promise of the great future in store for it. A sister had preceded them and was living in Peoria county, Illinois, and, after making her a visit, John Carter came to Champaign county, where he commenced working by the month for farmers. In 1857 he located in the village of Mahomet, and there built a substantial two-story frame house, which sheltered himself and family for upwards of fourteen years.

In the meantime the war of the Rebellion broke out, and Mr. Carter enlisted in the Union army, August 8, 1862, on the old fairgrounds, at Danville, becoming a private of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and later was transferred into the Peoria Artillery. He was sent to the front almost immediately,

and participated in a severe engagement with the enemy about one month after his enlistment. This was the battle of Chapel Hill, Kentucky, and, though he and his comrades were in there serve corps, they were called upon to turn the tide which seemed to be going against the Federal troops, and from that time forward the Peoria Artillery was active in numerous battles. About the time that his term of enlistment was drawing to an end, Mr. Carter was granted an honorable discharge on account of disability.

For a short time after his return our subject made his home, as formerly, in Mahomet, and then invested his means in a farm near his present place of abode, which is on section 34, Mahomet township. At one time he owned here some four hundred and forty acres, well improved and valuable, but he has given property to his sons and now retains only one hundred and twenty acres. Each member of the family has been industrious and energetic, working toward a common end, mutual prosperity, and each deserves credit.

When he chose a wife, Mr. Carter was more than fortunate, and has found a true companion and helpmate in the lady who formerly bore the name of Katherine Cooke. They were married in Kitcooley, Ireland, September 12, 1848, and the young wife did not come to the United States until after her husband had arranged a home for her and saw his way clear to provide well for his family. Of their eight children, five manly sons are left to cheer their hearts in their declining years. Jane, their first-born, died when in her fifth year, a little son died in infancy, and Peter, a young man of great promise, died at the age of twenty-seven years. Henry A. is married and is a successful farmer in the vicinity of Ogden, Champaign county. George W., John R., Oscar F. H. and Charles W. are practical farmers of this or neighboring townships, the last named remaining on the home farm, where he is of great assistance to his father, who is getting well along in years.

Mr. Carter cast his first presidential ballot in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln, but of late years has given his allegiance to the Democratic party. Religiously, he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both are well and widely known by the people of this section of the county. Their comfortable house has ever been hospitably open for the entertainment of their many friends, or the occasional minister or stranger whom circumstances brought to their door. Hard and long-continued labor brought prosperity to them, but they are generous toward the needy and afflicted.

ALBERT C. BOND, a well-known dealer in agricultural implements at Ivesdale, Champaign county, Illinois, is now one of the leading business men of that section. Enterprise, activity and energy are numbered among his chief characteristics, and although a comparatively young man he has already attained a fair success in life.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Bond was born in Chicago, February 26, 1862, and is a son of Daniel and Mary R. (Gates) Bond, natives of Virginia and Vermont, respectively. The father who was a farmer by occupation, moved from Chicago to Minnesota, where he followed his chosen calling for a time, and then came to Piatt county, Illinois, where he farmed successfully for thirty years. He died December 19, 1894, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in

Monticello. To them were born twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, but three daughters died young. The others were Edward D., a well-known and successful butcher of Cannon City, Colorado, who is rated at two hundred thousand dollars, all of which he had made by judicious management; Albert C., our subject; Ernest E., a conductor on the Traction Car Line at Los Angeles, California; Charles L., who is employed in a butcher shop in San Francisco, California; Fred L., at home with his mother; Lillia, wife of James Markle, a teacher in the Bement high school; Nellie, at home; Florence, deceased wife of W. B. O'Neal, of Sadorus, and Louis, at home.

Albert C. Bond is indebted to the public schools of Piatt county for his educational advantages. He remained on the home farm until twenty-four years of age, and as he was thoroughly conversant with every department of farm work, he successfully managed the same for a time. In 1887 he went west and found employment as railway engineer, having learned the business when a young lad at home by working in different shops. At the end of two years he turned his steps homeward and operated the farm until the fall of 1899, when he sold his personal effects and removed to Ivesdale, where he purchased a building and embarked in his present business in December of that year. He carries a full and complete line of wagons, threshers, shellers, traction engines and all kinds of farm machinery; in fact there is nothing used on a farm or in a shop but what can be found in Mr. Bond's warehouse. He carries the most complete stock of any in his line in the western part of the county, and has already built up a large trade extending far into Piatt county. Being a competent business man of known reliability, his success is assured as his opening trade has passed his expectations.

On the 29th of September, 1895, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bond and Miss Ada Gates, who was born near Watseka, Iroiquois county, Illinois, in 1879. Her parents, Chandler and Mary Gates, now reside in Seymour, having made Champaign county their home for six years, and are well respected people there. To Mr. and Mrs. Bond were born two children, but one died in infancy. Ruth R., aged two years, is now the joy of the household.

Since attaining his majority, Mr. Bond has affiliated with the Republican party, but has never cared for official preferment. He is a member of Ivesdale Camp, M. W. A., and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM R. MILLER is one of Champaign county's native sons and a worthy representative of one of her honored and highly respected families, whose identification with her history dates from an early period in the development of the county. For many years he was actively identified with the agricultural interests of the county, but is now practically living a retired life upon his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Pesotum township.

Mr. Miller was born in Tolono township, in September, 1855, a son of Isaac J. Miller, whose birth occurred in Butler county, Ohio, in 1817. It was in 1840 that the father came to Champaign county, Illinois, and was one of the first settlers of Sadorus Grove. His children were born and reared in Tolono township,

where he owned a large tract of land, which he improved and successfully operated with the aid of his sons, being engaged in general farming and stock raising, his specialty being hogs. He was three times married, his first wife being Elizabeth Carr, by whom he had five children, but the only one now living is Jerome B., a miller by trade and a resident of Cheney, Kansas. In 1835 the father married Elizabeth Rock, who died June 6, 1879, and by that union had nine children, two of whom died young. The others are Scipio A., formerly a merchant, but now an extensive farmer of Sedgwick county, Kansas; William R., our subject, Jefferson H., a farmer of Brown county, Kansas; Alice C., wife of R. F. Chandler, of the same county; A. J., state's attorney of Champaign county; Isaac G., an engineer on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad residing in Parsons, Kansas and Mollie R., wife of Otis L. Barnett, of Eemaha county, Kansas. For his third wife the father married Mrs. Maggie D. Rock. He still enjoys good health at the advanced age of eighty-three years, and is now living retired in Brown county, Kansas, having in former years accumulated a comfortable competence. His ancestors were of German lineage.

During his boyhood William R. Miller attended the common schools of Champaign county. At the age of seventeen years he left home and went to live with his grandfather Rock, remaining with him until he attained his majority. He then removed to Kansas, where he spent about six years engaged in farming upon a quarter section of land in Brown county, one-half of which he purchased, while the remaining eighty acres were given him by his father.

During his residence in that state, Mr. Miller returned to Illinois, and in October, 1881, married Miss Mattie J. Robinson, who was born in Sadorus township, this county, in 1862, a daughter of H. J. Robinson. By this union have been born two children: Edith J., who is attending school in Urbana; and Jessie E., who is attending the district school.

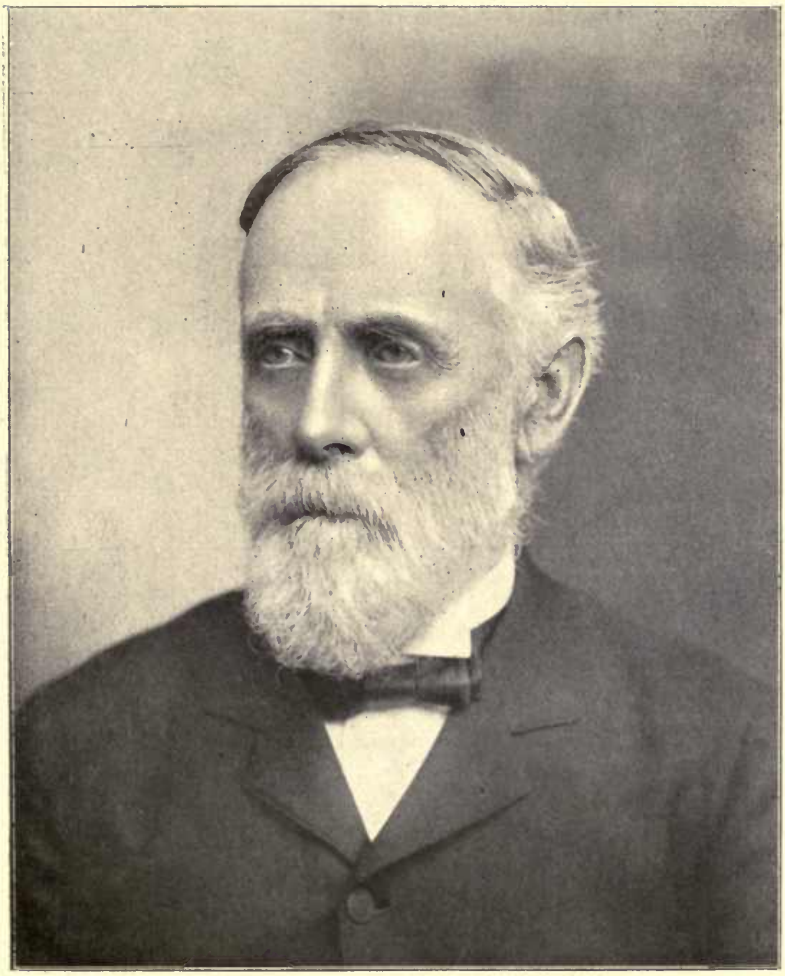
For two years after his marriage, Mr. Miller continued to reside in Kansas, but at the end of the time he sold his property there and returned to his native state, purchasing his present farm on section 18, Pesotum township, Champaign county. He carried on general farming with marked success until 1900, when he rented his land, and though still residing on the farm, he has retired from active work. It is operated, however, under his supervision and is kept in good repair by him. He has erected thereon a good set of farm buildings, including a pleasant modern residence, and substantial and commodious barns and other out-buildings. The place is thoroughly tiled and is one of the most valuable farm of its size in the township. Mr. Miller has made a specialty of raising heavy draft horses for market, and takes a just pride in the coach horses he keeps for his own use. He is an enterprising and progressive man whose success in life is well-merited, and he commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact either in his business or social relations. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Sadorus, and though not a member of any church he is a liberal supporter of those interests calculated to advance the moral or material welfare of his community. As a Republican he takes quite a prominent part in local politics, but has never sought political preferment.

ELIAS O. CHESTER is one of the well-known and successful farmers of Champaign county, though he is now living a retired life on his farm one-half mile south of the city of Champaign. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, October 16, 1829, and is of English descent, tracing his ancestry back to John Chester, a native of Chester, England, who came to this country with two brothers prior to the Revolutionary war, and located in Connecticut, afterwards moving to New York, where Elias Chester, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was born. The father, Elias Chester, Jr., was a native of Ohio, where he made his home throughout life, and where he owned a fine farm of two hundred acres, following a successful career as an agriculturist. He married Anna M. Smith, who was also born in Ohio, and who did not long survive her husband, both dying on the old homestead in the Buckeye state. Our subject is the oldest of their six children; E. E., the next in order of birth, is a resident of Champaign, Illinois, and is represented on another page of this volume; Ann married David Taylor, and both died in Iowa, where they made their home; Martha is the widow of Turner Hendren, of Ohio, and she now resides in Champaign; Hubert, deceased, was also a resident of Champaign for many years, and a sketch of him and his family may also be found on another page of this work; and Homer is living in Chicago. In politics the Chester family were Whig, and now Republicans.

The subject of this sketch obtained the greater part of his education in the common schools, but also pursued a short elective college course, well fitting him for a successful and practical farmer. On leaving home at the age of twenty-one years, he began farming for himself in his native state. He prospered in the undertaking and soon became quite well-to-do. On the 31st of January, 1854, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Chain, also a native of Franklin county, Ohio, and to them were born two children: Belle, at home with her parents; and Minnie, wife of George Warrington, of Chicago, superintendent of the National Boiler Works, by whom she has one son, Chester W.

In 1857 Mr. Chester sold his possessions in Ohio, and moved with his family to Champaign county, Illinois, where he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Champaign township, which at that time was only partly broken, prairie grass and marshes being the principal features of the place. This farm was two miles southeast of Champaign, and he there resided for five years. He then moved into Champaign and went into partnership with Miller & Toll, raising broom corn. This partnership continued seven years. He then purchased half of section 14, a portion of which he still retains.

By persistent labor Mr. Chester has transformed the place into one of the most desirable farms of the county, having tiled, ditched and otherwise improved it by the erection of good and substantial buildings. He has raised large crops of broom corn, making a specialty of that product for a quarter of a century and devoting between two and three hundred acres to the same. Prices have been good and he has steadily prospered. He has disposed of a part of his land, but still retains one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he has erected a pleasant residence supplied with all modern conveniences. For the past ten years he has engaged only in the stock business and



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in farming to a limiied extent, and is now practically living retired.

Mr. Chester lost his first wife in 1867, and the following year married Miss Frances Virginia Skinner, who was born in New York, Orange county, and when a child, in July, 1858, was brought by her parents to Champaign county, where she grew to womanhood, and has since resided. She is the eldest of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Chester have five children, namely: Paul, now a successful physician of Chicago; Earl, an electrician with the Western Electric Company, of that city, both graduates of the Illinois University; Velma E. and Roy died in infancy; and Mabelle, who is attending school in Champaign.

Mr. Chester has lived a rather quiet life, but has always identified himself with any movement to better the condition of his town or the people. In politics he has always been a strong Republican, but has been prevailed upon to accept office, though often solicited to do so, but persistently refused. Since 1857 he has lived in or near Champaign, having resided upon his present farm for twenty-eight years, and for forty-three years has retained the same postoffice-box in the postoffice at Champaign. He is a prominent and influential member of the Presbyterian church of that city, has always taken an active part in its work, and has served as elder for forty-three years. Mrs. Chester was reared in the Methodist faith, but after her marriage she united with the Presbyterian church, of which body nearly all the family are now members.

HON. HUGH J. ROBINSON, whose home is on section 33, Sadorus township, is one of the most prominent and influential men in his community and a leader of the Democratic party in Champaign county, his large acquaintance and unbounded popularity giving him an influential following, while his shrewd judgment of men and affairs make his counsel of value in all important movements. In business circles also he takes a foremost rank, his success as an agriculturist being all the more notable from the fact that it has been secured by his own judicious management.

Mr. Robinson was born of Scotch parentage near Belfast, Ireland, March 28, 1833, and is a son of Robert and Maria M. (Jackson) Robinson, the latter a first cousin of General Jackson. The parents were both born in Scotland, and in early life the father served as an officer in the British army. The mother died in Ireland when our subject was but two years of age, and in 1837 the father came with his family to the United States, locating first in Dutchess county, New York, where he followed farming for some time. Later he removed to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he improved and opened up a new farm, and where he continued to make his home until called from this life in 1852. In religious belief he was an Episcopalian. Of his nine children, six, three sons and three daughters, reached years of maturity, namely: John, a farmer, who died in Harrison county, Iowa, in 1898; Hugh J., our subject; William K., deceased, who was engaged in lumbering in Utah; Mary A., wife of J. C. Johnson, of Harrison county, Iowa; Eleanor, widow of William Hall, and a resident of the same county; and Jane, wife of Thomas Hasty, of Greenwood county, Kansas.

Our subject received a good practical education in a select school in Dutchess

county, New York. He grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and remained with him until the latter's death in 1852. In October of the same year he started out to seek his fortune with no capital but a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed. He took a boat to Chicago, but from there walked to Urbana, not having money enough to pay for a conveyance, and when he landed here he had the munificent sum of three dollars and a half. With the pluck characteristic of his race, he secured employment with J. S. Gere, a contractor furnishing ties to the Illinois Central Railroad for their first track bed. Not having any unnecessary expenses, he saved a little money. He soon won the confidence and esteem of his employers, by steady work and fidelity to duty, and was subsequently taken into partnership, the firm being Gere & Robinson until the death of the senior member.

In 1853 Mr. Robinson went to Douglas county and assisted in building a mill at Bourbon, furnished by contract two hundred and fifty thousand ties to the Illinois Central and Wabash Railroads, and sixty-five hundred cords of wood for the former company. Being successful in this, he invested his money in land in Champaign county, purchasing, in 1858, one hundred and sixty acres of barren prairie land in Sadorus township, in which locality there were but few cabins and these were widely scattered. After filling his contracts with the railroad companies, he disposed of his interests in Douglas county, and in 1860 took up his residence upon his farm, which at that time was half covered with water. He first erected a cabin and then began to improve his place by fencing and draining. At first he engaged in general farming on a small scale, but being very successful, he branched out and kept adding to his land and making better improvements in buildings and tiling, having expended many hundred dollars in this way. He now owns a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 33, Sadorus township, all under a high state of cultivation, and by his labors and good management he has made enough money to enable him to retire, so that he now rents his farm, giving his time to the enjoyment of the pleasures he has justly earned. Besides his property in this county, Mr. Robinson owns a large cattle ranch in Haskill county, Kansas, near Santa Fe, which is now yielding him a good income. His farm work has been devoted entirely to the raising, feeding and shipping of stock. In his place he has erected a barn with a capacity of one hundred and twenty-five tons of hay, and other buildings in proportion for the accommodation of his extensive business.

On the 8th of October, 1856, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Miss Jane Thrasher, who was born in Geauga county, Ohio, in 1833, a daughter of Dr. Jacob Thrasher, and by this union were born three children, namely: (1) Robert T., a miller of Urbana, married Lillias Kellar, and they have one daughter, Estella. (2) William C., who owns two hundred acres of land adjoining his father's on section 33, Sadorus township, married Edith Styan, who was born in England, and came to this country in 1881 with her parents. They have two children, Nellie and Olive. (3) Mattie is the wife of William R. Miller, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. The wife and mother died July 4, 1874, and in 1875 Mr. Robinson married Miss Jennie

Hutchinson, a native of Calhoun county, Michigan, a daughter of Captain Scott Hutchinson. By this union there was born one son, John W., who died at the age of four years.

In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are Universalists. Socially he is a charter member of J. R. Gorm Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M., of Sadorus, and he also holds membership in the chapter, R. A. M., of Bement, and the commandery, K. T., of Urbana. Since 1866 he has been prominently identified with the political affairs of the county, serving from that year until 1896 as supervisor, only being out of office a few terms. In 1896 when his name was again put before the people, he refused to become a candidate for re-election, having already served eleven consecutive terms. From force of habit he still goes to Urbana when the board is in session as he enjoys talking over old times with his associates, and his advice is often sought on matters of importance that come before that body. His first office in Sadorus township was that of collector, which he filled for three years. He has been officially connected with the schools during his entire residence in the county, having served as director and treasurer of the board for many years, and as a trustee continuously since 1880. During his term as supervisor the court house was enlarged and improved; the dredging was done for the drainage of lands in the county; and nearly all the iron bridges of creeks and rivers were constructed. He served faithfully the people he represented. Though a Democrat in politics, he is always the choice of the people of his home county, and when nominated for representative to the Forty-first General Assembly in 1898, he was elected on the minority ticket. He received twenty-two thousand votes and is conceded to have polled the largest number of votes of any one in the state of Illinois. He is now a candidate for re-election and as he is the choice of both the Democratic and Republican parties he will certainly receive the nomination. He is eminently public-spirited and progressive, with the best interests of the community at heart, and his popularity is therefore justly merited.

Mr. Robinson has always had excellent health, and now intends spending the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, enjoying the fruits of former toil. He has traveled quite extensively, spending his winters in California, Florida, New Orleans, Hot Springs or wherever he may desire to go. Travel and his social, genial nature, have made him an entertaining companion, and he is a stanch and loyal friend, fond of good fellowship and devoted to those who have his confidence.

JACOB HAYWARD. More than two-score years have passed since Jacob Hayward came to Champaign county to make a permanent abiding place, and during this period he has been numbered among the leading agriculturists of this region. His record has been one of strict business integrity and justice, and like a true and public spirited citizen, he always has cast his influence on the side of education and progress.

Our subject's father and grandfather bore the same Christian name as himself. The latter, who was a tanner by trade, was a resident of Maryland, and three of his sons, Jacob, Joseph and Thomas, followed the same business in Maryland, and later owned large tanneries in Fayette county,

Indiana. The father of our subject was born near Baltimore, Maryland, April 25, 1806. He worked at his accustomed calling in Cincinnati prior to settling in Fayette county, and after locating in the Hoosier state he became more and more interested in the management of his farm, and kept investing in land until he owned a large estate, and finally gave up his tannery. He was united in marriage in Fayette county to Rebecca Crandall, February 24, 1828. She was a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Elihu Crandall, whose birth occurred in New Jersey. In the fall of 1865 Mr. Hayward removed to the vicinity of Hiawatha, Kansas, and there he passed to his reward some twenty years later. His widow then lived with a daughter until her death, December 1, 1894, when she was placed by the side of her husband in Hiawatha cemetery. Eight of their eleven children survive: Mary Rose, a widow, residing in Fayette county; Thomas, a merchant of Fairfield, Indiana; Elihu and Jacob, farmers of this county; Joanna, wife of David Shelton, of Brown county, Kansas; Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon and Mrs. Rebecca Hanson, widows, living in Hiawatha; and Lydia, wife of Taylor Hulett, of Brown county, Illinois.

Jacob Hayward, of this sketch was, born in Fayette county, May 5, 1839, and, like his ancestors, he early learned to work at the various departments of farming and tanning. Neither of these callings being to his liking at that period of his life, he mastered the painter's trade, and was employed in that line for three years prior to coming to Champaign county in 1858. The town of the same name was but a cross-roads village, and he had little opportunity to learn a livelihood at his trade, but in Mahomet he fared better and devoted twelve years to the business. Then he located upon a rented farm, and later bought one hundred and four acres adjoining his present homestead. This place he purchased in 1892, and, by remodeling the house, putting in needed tiling and other improvements upon the farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty-four acres, he has made a very desirable country home. His many years of energetic work and good management have resulted in his having a good bank account and an enviable position in the community.

Politically, Mr. Hayward was a Republican in the days of the Civil war, and in 1860 he voted for Abraham Lincoln. Of late years, however, he has given his allegiance to the Prohibition party, as he has been led to believe that the temperance question surpasses all others confronting this country, and thinks that proper legislation would remedy what is acknowledged to be one of the giant evils of this land, as, indeed, of every other country. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On the 31st of January, 1865, Mr. Hayward married Margaret E. Killgore, daughter of J. C. and Margaret (Karr) Killgore, all natives of Indiana. The family removed to this county in 1848, and here Mrs. Killgore died seven years later, when her namesake was fourteen years old. Mrs. Hayward, who was an able helpmate to her husband during the years of his struggles for a competence, died upon the anniversary of their marriage, January 31, 1896. She left one son, J. J., a thrifty farmer of this county, and by his marriage he has one daughter, Merle. The marriage of our subject and Mrs. Donna Hammer, a native of

Fayette county, and one of his boyhood's companions and school-mates, took place March 7, 1898. She is a daughter of John H. and Elizabeth (Brown) Eyston, both natives of Fayette county. They removed to Champaign county in the spring of 1858, and here the daughter grew to womanhood, and gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Hammer, March 12, 1866. For thirty-one years she dwelt upon one farm, in Scott township, and after the death of her husband tenderly reared their children alone. The eldest, Ora A. Hammer, now carries on the old homestead. Clara is the wife of Robert Quayle, of Champaign township; and Blanche is the wife of Charles Dennis, of Fennimore, Wisconsin.

GEORGE HEWERDINE is one of the leading citizens of Condit township, who has taken an active part in promoting its substantial improvement and material development. He has been a resident of the county since the fall of 1859, and has succeeded in building up a fine homestead of two hundred and ninety-two acres on sections 8 and 18, Condit township. An adopted son of America, his loyalty is above question and his labors in the interests of his community have been most effective and beneficial.

Mr. Hewerdine was born in Lincolnshire, England, January 10, 1842, a son of William Hewerdine, who spent his entire life in that country. In 1859, at the age of seventeen years, our subject crossed the Atlantic and came to Champaign county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm until he entered the Union army during the Civil war. In July, 1862, he enlisted for three months in Company H, Seventy-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Thirteenth Army Corps and sent to Kentucky to do guard duty. There he was taken ill and sent to a hospital. His hearing was greatly impaired by his illness and he was honorably discharged. On his return to this county, he continued to work at farm labor by the month for some time.

Here Mr. Hewerdine was married, September 7, 1869, to Miss Mary Ann Jeffries, a daughter of William and Ruth (Johnson) Jeffries, natives of Fayette county, Ohio, where most of their children were born. In 1859 the family removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where Mr. Jeffries purchased land and improved a farm in East Bend township. Some years previous to this time he had come to this county and made his home for two or three years, and then returned to Ohio. He died in East Bend and his wife died in Condit township.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewerdine began their married life on a rented farm, which he operated for three years, and he then purchased a tract of eighty acres, upon which they also made their home for three years. At the end of that time he sold the place and purchased another eighty-acre farm on section 8, Condit township, where they have since lived. He has added to it from time to time until it now comprises two hundred and ninety-two acres, which he has placed under excellent cultivation and improved in a most creditable manner. Besides this valuable property he owns a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hancock county, Iowa, and another of eighty-eight acres in Shelby county, Illinois. He and his wife began life together in limited circumstances, but by their united efforts they have accumluated a fine prop-

erty, and are now numbered among the substantial and prosperous citizens of their community.

Their family consists of two daughters: Ruth, the older, is now the wife of Joseph Shaffer, of Hancock county, Iowa, and they have four children: Sylvia, Harry, George and Edna. Sarah is the wife of Charles Gauble, a farmer of Condit township, this county, and they have five children: George Orville, Adda Bertha, Floyd Latin, Cassie Fern and Clifford Franklin. Our subject and his estimable wife have also reared John Ackerman, who is now married, and now have Amelia and Ernest Wamster, whom they are educating and caring for.

Politically Mr. Hewerdine was formerly a Republican, but of late years has voted independent of party lines, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fisher, and he holds membership in the Grand Army Post of that place. They have many friends throughout the community in which they reside, and are held in high regard by all who know them.

JESSE M. SADORUS, one of the representative young men who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sadorus township, his home being in section 12, belongs to the oldest family of the county, his ancestors being among its honored pioneers and influential citizens. His father, Henry T. Sadorus, was born in Rush county, Indiana, in 1823, and when a year old was brought to this state by his parents, Henry and Mary (Titus) Sadorus, being the first people to settle in Champaign county. Their family consisted of six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom only two now survive: Allen M., of Sadorus, and Mrs. Eliza Jordan, of California. The town of Sadorus was named in honor of this worthy family.

Here Henry T. Sadorus grew to manhood. In 1849, with other young men, he went to California during the gold excitement in that state to seek his fortune. After following mining for two years he saw that there were other industries by which wealth could be gained, and turned his attention to the butcher business. He bought cattle in Texas and drove them to Butte county, California, but on the way the Indians stampeded a part of his herd, causing a loss of about seventeen thousand dollars, which was partly settled for by the United States government in 1893. In 1852 he came to Illinois and purchased a drove of cattle, taking these to the same place. In this venture he was very successful. On his return home in 1867, he embarked in farming, purchasing four hundred acres of valuable land in Pesotum and Sadorus townships, and he also owned three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Kansas. The land he acquired in this county was all improved by him during his life time, it being all timber and wild prairie when he took up his residence thereon. During his career as a farmer he devoted his attention principally to the raising of stock for market, using in this way all the grain he raised upon his land.

In 1868, Henry T. Sadorus married Miss Sarah Fields, a native of Kankakee county, Illinois, and to them were born five children, but John died in infancy. The four surviving are Jesse M., the subject of this sketch; Melissa, now the wife of George Hastings, of Sadorus township; Aldula, a

resident of Effingham, Illinois; and Jordan, a liveryman of Sadorus. The mother died July 12, 1885, and the father departed this life June 12, 1895. He was one of the three pioneer brothers who with their father aided materially in the early development and upbuilding of this county, doing all in their power to advance its interests. He was a Democrat in politics and an active party worker in his community. He was always ready to assist by his advice or financially any project worthy of advancement, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valuable citizen.

Jesse M. Sadorus was born in Pesotum township in 1870, and as he was reared to manhood on the home farm his education was obtained in the common schools of the township. When of age he began farming for himself and has become quite a prosperous young business man. In 1893 he married Miss Mattie Nogle, who was born in Sadorus in 1872. Her parents, David and Isabella (Peat) Nogle, have been residents of Sadorus for many years, and now reside within the western corporate limits of the village. Our subject and his wife have one child, Chester H., who was born in 1896, and is the joy of the household.

After his marriage Mr. Sadorus began farming on the place which he still owns and occupies, consisting of eighty acres on section 12, Sadorus township. When he located thereon, the only improvement upon the place was a small house, but by hard work and perseverance he has cleared acre after acre of the timbered tract, and has placed the land under a high state of cultivation. He has erected a good modern residence and other buildings, and has made many other improvements which add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. Politically he is a Democrat and has served his fellow citizens in the office of assessor for two years. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows Society of Sadorus and to J. R. Gorm Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M.

WILLIAM MORFEY. Numbered among the sterling citizens of Champaign county is the gentleman whose name heads this article. Nearly forty years ago he came to this region, and in the meantime has been an interested spectator and active participant in the transformation which has been wrought in the former swamp and wild lands here, then giving little promise of the abundant crops they were destined to yield, under the judicious management of the thrifty pioneers. He is worthy to be classed with the founders of this county, for, at all times, he has stood for the maintenance of law and order, of good governernment and progress.

A native of England, William Morfey was born in Sussex, March 22, 1840, and passed his early years upon a farm, there learning agriculture in a practical form, and laying the foundations of a future of success by becoming habituated to hard and persevering labor. Having heard glowing accounts of the greater opportunities afforded by the United States to ambitious young men, he decided to seek a home and competence here, and at the age of twenty years bade adieu to the friends and scenes of his youth. He sailed from Liverpool and arrived in New York city in May, 1861. Proceeding westward, he came to Champaign county by way of Chicago, and for six years worked by the month for John Rayburn. Having carefully husbanded his earnings, he at last

concluded to embark in business upon his own account, but for several years merely rented a farm in Hensley township. In 1879, when so much was being said in favor of Kansas, he removed with his family to Reno county, where he bought a claim. Two years later he sold the place at a profitable figure, and returned to this county, where he purchased eighty acres of his present homestead. Instituting numerous improvements at once, he gradually added others, and developed his farm into what it is to-day, one of the best in this section of the county. He has extended its boundaries to its present dimensions, upwards of two hundred and forty acres. The substantial farm-house is situated upon section 36, Mahomet township, and the large barns, yards, orchard and everything about the premises bespeaks the constant care of the neat and systematic owner.

Beginning his mature life as he did, a poor man without capital, among total strangers, and during the stormy, unsettled period of the Civil war, Mr. Morfey's success is the more remarkable and deserving of credit. With half his spirit and pluck, many a man who to-day is a pauper might be in the possession of a competence, but he is one of those sturdy, upright souls who "despise not the day of small things" and are not above hard work. Never an office-seeker or politician in any sense of the word, he has used his ballot on behalf of the nominees of the Republican party since he was given the right of franchise, and patriotically meets every obligation of citizenship.

The marriage of Mr. Morfey and Gennetta Stokes took place in this county, August 19, 1869. She is a native of Ohio, a daughter of Richard Stokes, who was born in Virginia, but reared in the Buckeye state. There he wedded Phœbe Stiles, a native of Pennsylvania, and at an early day removed to Champaign county, where he became a well-to-do farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Morfey lost an infant and a son, John, who died when in his thirteenth year. Their surviving children are: Anna, wife of Thornton Wilt, of this county; Elijah, who is married and a successful local farmer; James, also married and engaged in agriculture in this vicinity; Eliza, wife of Ed Abrams, of this county; Nettie and Effie, unmarried; Dan, Ivan, Carl and Willie, at home. The children have been given good school advantages and the elder ones are already taking honored places in the several communities where their lot is cast.

JACOB A. BELLINGER. Such citizens as the subject of this review are the mainstay of any community, and, wherever they have resided for any length of time, one is sure to find that their influence has been felt for good in many directions. Through their earnest co-operation the highways have been improved, bridges built, schools established and maintained, churches erected and supported, and enterprises of every kind have been encouraged.

Jacob A. Bellinger, after a very busy and useful career, is now living retired from active labors, and is enjoying the rest which he has truly earned. He is a native of Herkimer county, New York, his birth having occurred February 17, 1838. His father, Andrew Bellinger, also was born in that section of the Empire state, where our subject's grandfather and two brothers had settled among the first colonists, locating there upon their arrival from Germany. They



J. A. BELLINGER AND WIFE.

became stanch patriots and the grandfather, in company with seven of his nephews (all from one family), served gallantly in the war of the Revolution. Five of the young men were killed in one battle, while another was taken prisoner by the Indians who were fighting in the British interests, and it was seven years ere he regained his liberty. The grandfather of Jacob A. cleared and improved a large farm in the Mohawk valley, near Little Falls, and there he spent his life. Andrew Bellinger married a Miss House, also of German ancestry, and a native of Herkimer county, and to them six sons and six daughters were born, all but one of whom lived to maturity. The family came to Champaign county in the spring of 1855, and in the following September they were bereft of the husband and father. His wife, who nobly strove to care for her numerous children, and to manage the new farm they had taken, survived him many years, passing away March 31, 1876.

The tenth in order of birth, Jacob A. Bellenger, was the youngest of the six sons, and, with his brother John, a retired farmer of the Empire state, is the only one of the parental family to perpetuate the name. Three sisters, Catherine, wife of Dr. Cooper, Mrs. Mary Hartwell, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wolsey, reside in Nebraska, while the fourth surviving sister, Mrs. Amanda Campbell, lives in Oklahoma.

One by one the elder members of the family left home and Jacob A. continued to stay with his widowed mother until he was twenty-five years of age. In the fall of 1863, he married Eleanor, daughter of Fielding L. Scott, one of the early settlers of Illinois. He was a native of Kentucky, and in 1834 came to the prairie state, subsequently entering two hundred and forty acres of land in Champaign county. Mrs. Bellinger was born and reared in the house where she was married and has since spent most of her years. Her father made his home with our subject and wife for several years prior to his death. The elder daughter of this estimable couple is Kate, wife of J. M. Herriott, a farmer of this vicinity, and their two children are named Harry and Eleanor. Rosa, who became the wife of William W. Herriott, is the mother of two children, Lelia and Nova.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellinger commenced their wedded life on a farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, situated not far from the old Scott homestead, and for thirteen years they resided there. At the end of that period, our subject bought his father-in-law's property and subsequently remodeled the house, built a good barn and made other substantial improvements, expending much time and money judiciously. He has made a specialty of raising, feeding and dealing in live stock, and has been considered an authority on the subject. Success attended his ventures in most instances, and integrity and justice ruled his actions in all business transactions. About six years ago he gave up his more arduous duties to his sons-in-law and is quietly attending to the few tasks which he has reserved for himself.

Politically, Mr. Bellinger has been a true blue Republican since casting his first presidential ballot for Lincoln in 1860. He was elected and served as supervisor of Hensley township and also acted in the capacity of commissioner of highways in that township and also as commissioner in Mahomet township. His sincere interest in the cause of education led to his being chosen to serve on the school board, and for some time he was the president of that organization.

Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, and is a Master Mason, identified with the Mahomet lodge. For many years he has been an official member of the Methodist Episcopal church, his wife also being one of the active workers in the denomination. Both are loved and honored by the whole community in which they have dwelt so long, and as the shadows of the evening-time of life begin to gather around them, they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done their duty and that the world is the better for the little part which they have played in its history.

STEWART LANAM has long been associated with the development of Champaign county, and in peace and war has proved himself to be a true patriot, devoted to his country and community, and holding his personal interests secondary to the public welfare. His record is that of an honest, straightforward man, who has continued faithfully in the path of duty, doing good to all as he had opportunity, and winning the commendation of his own conscience and the good opinion of his acquaintances.

He is a grandson of Thomas, and son of Jesse Lanam, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The latter chose Martha Stewart, of the same state, for a wife, and in the early part of the '30s settled in Noble county, Ohio, where Mrs. Lanam died. Later, in 1846, he removed to Indiana, and thenceforth made his home in Clinton county, rearing his children to take useful places in society. In 1864, he bought eighty acres of land in Newcomb township, Champaign county, but died soon afterwards.

The birth of Stewart Lanam occurred July 2, 1836, in Noble county, Ohio, and much of his youth was spent in Indiana, where he received his education and became familiar with the details of farm work. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Third Indiana Cavalry, which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. With his regiment, he participated in many of the severe campaigns and engagements of the Civil war, including the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and march through Georgia to the sea under command of General Sherman. He was ever at the post of duty and was fortunate in escaping wounds or illness, so his army record is of the best, in every respect.

Returning home after receiving an honorable discharge from the army, Mr. Lanam rented land and worked for farmers in Indiana until after his marriage at the beginning of the year 1868. He then rented the farm which his father had purchased in Newcomb township, Champaign county, and within a few years was able to buy the place. Subsequently, he bought an adjoining tract of eighty acres, and built a neat, modern residence, barns and fences, besides putting in tiling wherever needed. By his well directed efforts he has won financial success, and his example is worthy of emulation.

On the 9th of January, 1868, Mr. Lanam married Eliza Jane Wyant, a native of Boone county, Indiana, and daughter of Wilson and Maria Ann (Bowen) Wyant, both of whom died by the time Mrs. Lanam was three years old, and she was reared by her grandmother Wyant. Of the five children born to our subject and wife, the eldest, Martha Ann, is the wife of G. W. Funston, a farmer of this township; Maria, who mar-

ried Charles Chenoweth, a farmer, resides in McLean county, this state; Joseph S., unmarried, assists in the management of the home farm; Clara Belle is the wife of William Hinton, one of the enterprising farmers of this township; and Nannie, a young lady, is at home.

Originally Mr. Lanam was identified with the Democratic party, but of late years he has given his ballot and influence to the nominees of the Prohibition party. He was elected and served for a term as commissioner of highways, and also served as one of the township trustees. During the eighteen years when he was a member of the school board, a part of the time as president of that body, he did effective service for the cause of education in this locality. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, being identified with Dewey Post at Fisher. With his family, he holds membership with Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church, and for several years has been an officer in the congregation.

DAVID RUSH. Among the enterprising and prosperous farmers of Champaign county, who thoroughly understand the vocation which they follow and are consequently enabled to carry on their calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this sketch. He is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 28, Condit township, only ten miles from Champaign, where he owns a good farm of one hundred and seventy-eight acres.

Mr. Rush was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1839, a son of Benjamin and Catherine (Parkinson) Rush. The father, who was a native of either Pennsylvania or Ohio, followed farming in Franklin county, and continued to make his home there until his death, which occurred in 1841. David is the sixth in order of birth in his family of seven children, six of whom reached years of maturity, but only our subject is now living. He grew to manhood in his native county and received a good, practical education in the common and select schools. In early life he served a three years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and was working as a journeyman when the Civil war broke out.

In August, 1862, Mr. Rush enlisted for three years or during the war in Company I, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a practical mechanic, and served with that regiment for about eighteen months, during which time he participated in a number of engagements, including the battle of Richmond, Kentucky; Jackson, Mississippi; Black River Bridge, and Vicksburg. During the siege of Vicksburg he was detailed with the mechanical department and later helped to build the bridge over Black river, remaining in that department until the close of the war. He received credit for serving in all the battles in which his regiment took part, and was finally mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1865. He lost no time in the service from illness or other cause.

Returning to his home in Franklin county, he resumed work at his trade and engaged in contracting and building there for a year. In October, 1865, in that county, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Abigail Rush, a native of Seneca county, New York, and a daughter of Squire Wheaton and Mercy (Jacobus) Wheaton, who were born, reared and married in New Jersey, and from

there moved to Seneca county, New York, where most of their children were born. About 1835 her parents moved to Delaware county, Ohio, where her father bought land and cleared and improved a farm, making his home there until called from this life in 1864. By her first husband she had one son, who resides in western Kansas, George Rush.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rush located in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where he worked at his trade until August, 1866, and then came to Champaign county, Illinois. The previous March he had visited this locality and purchased an eighty-acre tract of raw prairie land in Condit township, upon which he located in August. He built a small house, and the following season broke forty acres of his land. He has since enlarged and improved his residence, has built good outbuildings and made many other improvements upon the place. He has also added to his farm and now has one hundred and seventy-eight acres of land, well tiled and under a high state of cultivation. Since locating here he has engaged in contracting and building to some extent, but has devoted the greater part of his time and attention to farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush have no children, but for twenty-one years Miss Anna Berry has made her home with them. She was born in Wisconsin, but was reared and educated in Indiana. They are all active and prominent members of the Presbyterian church of Jersey, in which Mr. Rush is serving as elder, and Miss Berry is a worker in the Christian Endeavor Society, and a teacher in the Sabbath school. Originally Mr. Rush was a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860, but for some years was identified with the Republican party, and now on account of his views on the temperance question he affiliates with the Prohibition party. He has led an upright, honorable and useful life, and due success has not been denied him. His career has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life, and it is safe to say that no man in the community is held in higher regard than David Rush.

HEZEKIAH ROBINETT. One of the most exemplary citizens of Champaign county is the subject of this review, now living retired at his pleasant home in section 5, Newcomb township. He is another example of the man who rises from poverty and obscurity to an honored position, solely through his own merits and untiring energy. He has aided, in all possible ways, the general welfare, and has used his influence for good schools, good government and progress.

The Robinett family is of French origin, and at an early day they were numbered among the inhabitants of Virginia. Stephen Robinett, father of our subject, was born in Athens county, Ohio, in 1800, his father being one of the first settlers in that section of the Buckeye state. When he had matured, Stephen Robinett married Elizabeth McKee, a native of the same county, and, after carrying on the old Robinett homestead for a few years, removed to Hamilton county, Indiana, where he cleared a farm and continued to live until his death, about 1870. His wife survived him a few years.

Hezekiah Robinett was born on the

parental farm in Hamilton county, Indiana, November 8, 1836, and remained there until he reached his majority. At the time that he embarked in business upon his own account, he rented land for a year or more, and then, removing to Whitley county, Indiana, bought a place of forty acres, and cultivated it for a couple of years. Then, selling out, he purchased an eighty-acre tract, which he carried on and improved for two years. He next became the owner of another forty-acre farm, which he cleared and greatly increased in value during the four years of his stay there, after which he dwelt for a decade upon still another homestead, this comprising forty acres of heavily timbered land. At the expiration of that period, he came to Illinois, and invested in one hundred acres of his present homestead. The land had been partially broken and improved, but he had a big task in reducing it to its present condition. He forthwith instituted many improvments, put in ditches and tiling, later built a substantial residence and barns, planted shade and fruit trees, and has steadily invested time and money in the beautifying of the place. Finally he bought sixty acres adjoining, which makes his farm contain just a quarter-section, and in addition to this he owns thirty-three acres, fairly improved, in Brown township, near Dickinson station.

Hezekiah Robinett was married, May 27, 1860, to Orrel Shearer, daughter of John Shearer, who was one of the pioneers of Hamilton county, Indiana, and originally lived in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. The eldest child of our subject and wife is George, who is an enterprising farmer of this county, is married, and has five children. John S. is married and has one child. He is a carpenter and is a resident of Champaign, where he finds abundant employment. Joseph and Howard F., unmarried and young men of much promise and ability, live with their parents on the home farm. Marilla is the wife of Luther Haines, a farmer of this county, and has one child. Alice is the wife of Oliver Paulus, a farmer of this county, and they have one child. Martha married George Beatty, a farmer of this county, and they have three children. Sadie Ruth is the wife of Edward Foster, a local farmer, and they are the parents of one child.

Politically, Mr. Robinett is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and cast his first presidential ballot for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860. In local elections he is independent of party lines. In company with his wife, he is one of the original members of the Walker Methodist Protestant church, and now serves as one of the trustees. Socially, he is a member of Fisher Lodge, No. 704, I. O. O. F. His life has been actuated by high principles, and all who have come within the sphere of his influence have been made better and happier.

THOMAS DALE. It has often been remarked that Champaign county is especially indebted to its founders, who were men of unswerving fidelity to whatever they believed right and best, and, included in the number of these sterling pioneers is Thomas Dale, now living retired at his pleasant home in Mahomet. More than fifty-two years ago he permanently located here, and nobly and conscientiously has he met every obligation as a patriot, neighbor and head of family.

From sturdy, God-fearing German an-

cestors Mr. Dale has inherited many of the sterling qualities for which he is noted. Not long after the settlement of Pennsylvania by William Penn and his followers, the Dales located there, and became wealthy and influential as the years rolled by. Moses, son of Philip Dale, the father of our subject, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, and there wedded Susan Wise, in 1828. He was a natural mechanic, and in his early manhood learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed to some extent. His father was a well-to-do merchant, and employed his boys in his store when they were young, forming correct business habits in them. Two years after his marriage Moses Dale removed to that section of Ohio now included within Crawford county, and during the seventeen years of his residence there cleared and greatly improved a tract of land. In 1847 he sold his property, and, with his family and household goods in a wagon, drove across the country to Champaign county, where his wife's brother, Isaiah Wise, had settled previously. Mr. Dale bought two hundred and forty acres of land in Mahomet township, and built a log house. Year by year he cultivated and increased the value of his farm by judicious expenditure of labor and money, and here he continued to dwell until claimed by the angel of death, in August, 1865. His widow survived him about ten years, and their last earthly resting place in Bryant Cemetery is marked by a substantial monument erected to their memory. Of their seven children, only two are living, Thomas and Isaac, the latter a resident of Russell county, Kansas.

The birth of Thomas Dale occurred on the old farm in Crawford county, Ohio, March 19, 1834, and there he spent thirteen years. Coming then to Champaign county, he worked for his father, and after attaining his majority found employment with neighboring farmers for some six years. After his marriage he rented a farm for three years, at the end of which time he purchased his first land—forty acres, but lived upon the Mead place, eighty acres of which he later added to his own possessions, and years afterward he bought eighty acres more land, thus making his homestead one of two hundred acres. On this property he built a good brick house and barn, planted an orchard and shade trees, put in tiling and ditches, and made other valuable improvements, thus rendering it one of the most desirable farms in this locality.

In Mahomet township, Mr. Dale had married, February 22, 1861, Mary, daughter of John Mead, one of the first settlers of this county, and a native of New Jersey. In all his strivings after success, Mrs. Dale was an able and loyal helpmate to her husband, but when life was beginning to be easier for them she was summoned to the home above, January 24, 1883. Their eldest son, W. Oscar, is carrying on the old homestead; Tena is the wife of William Webb, a farmer of this county; F. L. and C. W. are proprietors and publishers of the Record, a leading journal, printed in St. Joseph, Illinois, and Charles is leader of a brass band and is a prominent teacher of music, besides being in partnership with his brother in St. Joseph. In June, 1893, Thomas Dale married Mrs. Maggie Savage, widow of Lafayette Savage, and daughter of Gardner and Maria Herron, one of the early settlers of this county, and formerly of Ohio, in which state Mrs. Dale was born.

In 1889 our subject retired from the active cares of the farm and bought a com-

fortable residence in Mahomet. In his political standing, he is an uncompromising Republican, but has not been an aspirant to public positions. Since he was twenty-three years of age he has been actively identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, and at the present time is a member of the building committee having in charge the matter of erecting a new parsonage. More than a score of years did he act on the local school board, always advocating excellent educational advantages for the young.

WILLIAM HEWERDINE. The subject of this review is one of the leading citizens of Condit township, who, by developing a good farm from the wild prairie land, has materially aided in its growth. He has met with well-deserved success in his calling, and his fine, well-ordered farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which is pleasantly situated on section 16, three and one-half miles south of Dewey, with its carefully cultured fields, its near buildings, and all their surroundings, denote the skillful management, industry and well-directed labors of the owner.

Mr. Hewerdine was born in Lincolnshire, England, March 21, 1828, and there grew to manhood with no school privilege, so that he is wholly a self-educated as well as a self-made man. After working on a farm in early life, he followed railroading in his native land for three years on a road running between London and York. In the spring of 1855 he took passage on the Owego, a sailing vessel, which was seven weeks in crossing the ocean, during which time they encountered several severe storms and collided with another vessel in mid-ocean, both being managed. Mr. Hewerdine landed in New York, in June, and proceeded at once to Canada, where he worked in a brickyard that summer. He then came to Illinois, and after spending a few weeks with a brother at Ten Mile Grove went to Indiana, where he worked on a farm by the month for Samuel Mahara for three years and for Jesse Mahara one year. In the meantime he twice visited Illinois, and in the spring of 1860 took up his residence in Champaign county, where he worked by the month several years.

In East Bend township, June 15, 1864, Mr. Hewerdine was united in marriage with Mrs. Nancy Jane Hyer, *née* Jeffries, who was born in Fayette county, Ohio, and is a daughter of William and Ruth Jeffries, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively, and early settlers of East Bend township, this county. Mrs. Hewerdine's first husband was Amzi R. Hyer, who after residing here for one summer, returned to Ohio, where during the Civil war he enlisted as a mechanic in Company G, Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was engaged in bridge building. He died in the service July 29, 1862, leaving one son, William Wallace Hyer, a carpenter and joiner of Champaign, who is married and has two children, Gertie May and Ora Miner. Our subject and his wife have three children: Tabitha C. is now the wife of William Sitts, who operates a part of the Hewerdine farm, and they have four children, Della Grace, Lucy Ethel, Nina Arvilla and Ruby Agnes; Ira, the only son of our subject, is carrying on the home farm; and Ida Dell is the wife of Hal Nelson, a farmer of Hensley township, this county.

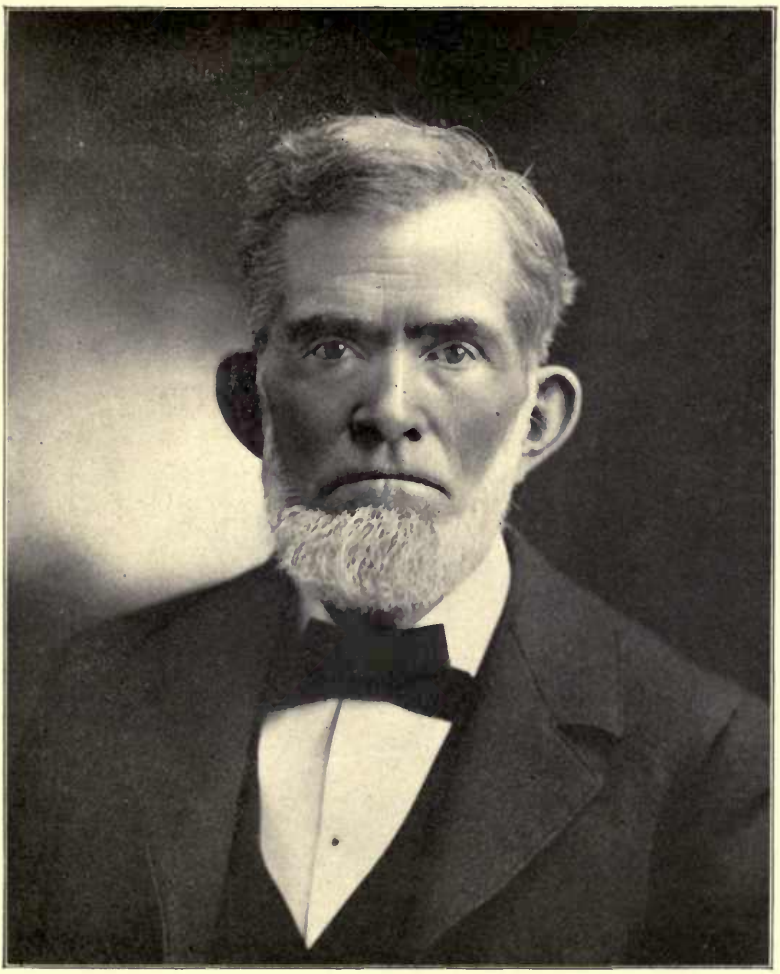
For one year after his marriage Mr. Hewerdine engaged in farming upon rented

land, and then purchased eighty acres of land upon which he still continues to reside. He has added to his place from time to time until he now has three hundred and twenty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and converted into a most attractive and desirable farm. He and his wife began life together at the very bottom of the financial ladder, but by their united efforts they have accumulated a large and valuable estate, which stands as a monument to their thrift and industry. They are both earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fisher, and are highly respected and esteemed by the entire community in which they live. Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, Mr. Hewerdine has been unwavering in his support of the Republican party and its principles, but has never sought official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests.

WILLIAM MEHARRY is well and favorably known in Champaign county, and is ranked among the leading citizens of Tolono, a pretty, flourishing town, which has a bright future opening before it. Having amassed a large fortune—large in the estimation of the hard-working, economical people of this section, if not in that of a millionaire, he has retired from active labors, merely attending to his property and financial investments. A true patriot, in the limited, as well as in the broader sense of the term, he has striven to promote the welfare of his town and community, and enjoys the respect of all who are associated with him.

His father, Thomas Meharry, was a native of Ohio, whence he removed to Montgomery county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming until a short time before his death. For a wife he chose Unity Patton, likewise born in the Buckeye state. In Indiana Mr. Meharry became an extensive land owner, some fifteen hundred acres being in his possession, and in addition to this, he purchased four thousand acres of land in Champaign, McLean and Shelby counties. All of this property was divided among his children, who placed it under cultivation. Mr. Meharry and wife, who lived to a good age, were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Jane, widow of Eli Dick, of Philo, Illinois; William; Ellen, wife of John Martin, of Indiana; Jesse, of Tolono; Polly A., deeased, wife of A. C. McCorkle, lived near Shawnee Mound, Tippecanoe county, Indiana; Abraham P., of Crittenden township; and Isaac N., his twin brother, living on the old homestead in the Hoosier state.

William Meharry was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, October 27, 1830, attended the district schools of the neighborhood, and remained with his father, assisting in the work of the home farm until he was twenty-seven years of age. Then he embarked in independent life, and cultivated a farm in his native state until 1864, when he sold the place and bought wild prairie land in Champaign county. He continued to cultivate one section of land here until 1885, since which time he has rented the place. In addition to this homestead, he kept investing in land as opportunity offered, until he owned fourteen hundred acres. This has all been placed under cultivation, and, by means of the excellent improvements made upon it, has become



WILLIAM MEHARRY.

valuable farm property. Mr. Meharry was particularly successful as a raiser of grain and live stock, and his investments were judicious and extensive.

In all of his undertakings for more than three decades our subject has been aided by the counsel and sympathy of his devoted wife, formerly Margaret McCorkle. She was born January 4, 1843, in Putnam county, Indiana, and was married to Mr. Meharry, March 11, 1869. Her parents, Andrew and Mary (Gooding) McCorkle, were natives of Kentucky, and at an early day removed to Putnam county, Indiana. On their homestead their eleven children were born, and there the father resided until his death, after which event the mother made her home with Mrs. Mary Meharry. They were loyal patriots, and gave four of their sons to the preservation of the Union which they loved. Joseph, deceased, was a soldier in an Iowa Regiment during the Civil war. Abram S., who was in the Eighteenth Indiana Artillery, was killed at the battle of Chattanooga. A thirty-two pound cannon-ball took off his leg, and passing on, killed four horses. The ball was later presented to Andrew C. McCorkle, who gave it to the state of Indiana, and to-day it may be seen among the war relics in the state-house at Indianapolis. At the re-union of the Eighteenth Artillery in 1898, there were but twelve surviving members of the original force. Nathan C., who died only a few years after the close of the war, and who was the youngest of the family, enlisted in the Fifty-first Indiana Infantry, and served until there was no longer need. John G., the second son, resides in Marion county, Iowa. The third, James F., is deceased. William, a carpenter, lives in the state of Washington. Zibbeath A., deceased, was the wife of M. Barker, of Indiana. Edward W. lives in Iowa, and Andrew C. also served during the Civil war, and now is a citizen of Lafayette, Indiana. Mary F. is the widow of Robert Hessel, and makes her home in San Jose, California.

Three children blessed the marriage of William Meharry and wife. They lost their only son, Charles Howard, who died when he was young. The eldest-born, Mae, now living at home, received superior educational advantages, her studies having been pursued in Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and at Wooster College. She possesses fine musical talent, and with her parents, is identified with the Presbyterian church of Tolono. Lelia A. became the wife of S. M. Bower, of Tolono. The home of the Meharry family is modern, beautifully furnished, and surrounded by well kept grounds. In addition to owning this attractive residence property, and the extensive farm lands previously mentioned. Our subject has forty acres of land adjoining the village, which, if the town extends in that direction, may prove a fortune in itself. In the work of the Presbyterian church, he is actively interested, and for years he has been a trustee. All worthy charities and persons in need find in him a sincere friend and helper, and he counts it one of his chief pleasures to be in a position to succor the afflicted.

ANDREW J. LAMB, who is now living a retired life upon his farm on section 26, Brown township, Champaign county, within two miles of Fisher, was born near Syracuse, in Onondaga county, New York, April 18, 1833, and is a son of Dudley and Lucy (Lull) Lamb, also natives of the Em-

pire state. The father served with distinction as a captain in the war of 1812, and throughout his active business life engaged in farming in Onondaga county, where he died in 1834. His wife survived him a few years, passing away in 1846.

Our subject was the youngest of their children, all of whom grew to mature years. After his mother's death he was dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood, and his educational advantages were therefore limited. He was reared upon a farm and his training at farm work was not so meager. He continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his marriage, whichwas celebrated in Oswego county, New York, September 18, 1859, Miss Amanda Josephine Gillette, a native of Hannibal, that county, becoming his wife. Her parents were Ephraim and Lydia Gillette. To Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were born two children. The elder, Mrs. Florence Smith, is now a widow and resides with her parents. She has two children, Fred and Neva, who are attending the home school. George Lamb, the only son of our subject, is married and resides in Chicago.

After his marriage Mr. Lamb located on a farm in his native state, and in connection with its cultivation he engaged in dairying, teaming and other employments. In November, 1869, here moved to Vermont, Fulton, Illinois, and while living there followed farming and bridge building, being in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company from March 7, 1870, to March 31, 1883. On the 11th of April, of the latter year, he came to Champaign county, and purchased an improved farm of eighty acres on section 26, Brown township, where he has since made his home. He has retired from active labor, and surrounded by many comforts secured by former toil, he expects to spend the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, enjoying a well-earned rest.

Mr. Lamb cast his first presidential vote for Millard Fillmore in 1856, and since then has been identified with the Republican party. For twelve consecutive years he has most capably and satisfactorily served as commissioner of highways, and is also a member of the school board. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Fisher, and the Odd Fellows Lodge of Vermont, Illinois, in which he has filled all the chairs and is now past grand.

SIMEON S. WILLIAMS, a practical and enterprising agriculturist of Hensley township, owns and operates one hundred and thirty acres of land on section 31, constituting one of the valuable and highly improved farms of the locality. His possessions have been acquired through his own efforts, and as the result of his consecutive endeavor he has won a place among the substantial citizens of the community.

Mr. Williams was born in Champaign county, Ohio, April 25, 1839, and is a son of George and Nancy (Morecraft) Williams, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Delaware county, New York. Both removed to Ohio with their respective parents at an early day and were married in Champaign county. The mother was the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being James, Samuel, John, Arthur, Simeon, Richard and Polly, all now deceased. The father of our subject was only six years old when he went to Ohio, and in the subscription schools of Cham-

paign county he acquired a limited education. When his school days were over he learned the trade of a wheelwright, which he followed in connection with farming throughout life. On attaining his majority he supported the Democratic party, but after his marriage he became a Whig, owing to the influence of his wife, and in 1840 he cast his presidential ballot for William H. Harrison. On its organization he joined the Republican party and continued to vote that ticket until his death. He died in 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, seven months and eight days, and his wife passed away in 1884, at the age of eighty-three years. She took an active part in church and Sunday school work as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a most estimable lady.

To this worthy couple were born six children, namely: (1) Esther E. died at the age of sixteen years. (2) Richard married Maria Taylor and moved to Kansas, where he followed the wheelwright's trade, having learned the same with his father. There he died in 1888, but his widow is still living in that state. Before going to Kansas he spent thirty-five years in Ottumwa, Iowa, engaged in the milling business. (3) Jonathan married a native of Florida, with whom he became acquainted during the Civil war, and they reside at his native place in Champaign county, Ohio. (4) Mary Margaret died from the effects of a scald at the age of three years. (5) Simeon S., our subject, is next in order of birth. (6) Charles is married, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Kansas.

Simeon S. Williams received his education in the public schools of Champaign county, Ohio, and during his vacations aided in the work of the home farm, remaining with his parents until he was married, in 1864, to Miss Harriet Stokes, a daughter of Richard M. and Phœbe (Stiles) Stokes, who were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively, and at an early day removed with their parents to Champaign county, Ohio, where they were married in 1837. Mrs. Williams is one of a family of eleven children, of whom two died in infancy; Telitha, now deceased; Calvin, a veteran of the Civil war, having served for three months at the first call in 1861, married Anna Washington, and resides in Champaign county, Ohio; John W. who enlisted in 1864 in the one hundred days service and did guard and picket duty, married Sarah Lindsley, and lives in Kansas: Harriet is the wife of our subject; Ivan T., who enlisted for three years but only served a little over two years, taking part in the battle of Cumberland Gap and many skirmishes, married Lizzie Thurman and died January 15, 1899, leaving a widow who now resides in Urbana, Illinois; Lydia is the wife of T. E. Nash, who is engaged in the livery business in Sterling, Kansas; Merdula died unmarried at the age of thirty-four years; Jennetta is the wife of William Morfey, a farmer of Mahomet township, this county; and Emma married George Black, of Mingo, Champaign county, Ohio, and died at the age of thirty-four years. The father died in that county, in 1869, at the age of fifty-five years, the mother in 1859, at the age of forty-two. They and their family were members of the Free-Will Baptist church.

For four years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Williams continued to make their home in Ohio, and there two children were born to them: Oliver S., December 10, 1864; and Charles O., September 2, 1866.

Both are at home. On the 3d of November, 1867, the family arrived in Champaign county, Illinois, establishing a residence here just in time to enable Mr. Williams to vote for U. S. Grant for president in 1868. He purchased his present farm on section 31, Hensley township in 1882, which, at that time was a tract of wild land, but he has since transformed it into one of the highly cultivated and productive farms of the township. Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, he has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party, but has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. He takes an active interest in educational affairs, however, and has served as school director one term.

GEORGE WARNER is one of the honored pioneers of Champaign county, and by years of uninterrupted toil has amassed a snug little fortune. He has witnessed great changes in this section of the state, and has performed his full share of labor for the general welfare. Upon such upright, strong minded citizens as he the task of founding the county upon a sure basis devolved, and nobly did they stand for good government, good schools and improvements along all lines.

The father of our subject, George Warner, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, in 1798, and in 1815 he went to Ross county, Ohio, where he cleared and improved a farm. Later, he removed to Pickaway county, Ohio, and there spent his last years, actively occupied in agriculture. He died in 1843, when in the prime of life, and was survived thirty-four years by his widow, who in her girlhood bore the name of Delilah Ulery. She was a daughter of Captain Ulery, one of the heroes of the war of 1812, as during that conflict, he enlisted in defense of his country and was killed by Indians who were fighting under the English flag. Mrs. Warner was a member of our subject's household for several years previous to her demise.

George Warner, Jr., was born in Ross county, Ohio, February 5, 1834, and in his youth his educational advantages were extremely meager. He was twenty years of age when he left Pickaway county to seek a new home in the Prairie state, and joining some friends who had come to Illinois from the neighborhood of his old home, he found employment with different farmers and gradually added to his small capital until he was ready to commence an independent career.

Everything was progressing well with Mr. Warner when the Civil war came on and engaged the attention of all who were concerned in their country's security and future. On the 2d of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Seventh Illinois Infantry, and from that time until the close of the war he was found faithful at his post of duty. He took part in a number of the most important campaigns and battles of the strife, being actively engaged in the siege of Knoxville, the battle of Franklin and many others, and later going through the long and terrible march to Atlanta. He was mustered out at Salisbury, North Carolina, and was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois, in July, 1865. His record as a soldier is of such a character that he may justly be proud of it, and his officers and comrades unite in praise

of his conduct at all times. Resuming his interrupted labors, Mr. Warner engaged in breaking prairie, making ditches, and other exceptionally hard work, for several years, and at last invested in a quarter section of land in Philo township. Here he at once commenced making improvements, laying tile and building fences, with the result that he converted what was a wild tract into a desirable homestead. In 1879 he sold this, and bought fifty acres of his present farm, to which he afterwards added more land until the place now comprises two hundred acres. In addition to this place, which adjoins Mahomet village, he owns and manages another good farm. Upon the farm now stands a substantial house, barns and other buildings, all of which were erected by the owner. For the past twelve years he has made a specialty of raising high grade live stock and feeding cattle extensively for the markets. He is a breeder of and dealer in fine English shire horses and Poland-China hogs, and has established an enviable reputation throughout this locality for his good judgment and absolute trustworthiness in matters pertaining to live stock. He certainly is entitled to much credit for the manner in which he has made his way upward from a lowly position to one of wealth and prominence.

The marriage of Mr. Warner and Elizabeth Steen was solemnized Christmas eve, 1869, in the town of Mahomet. She is a native of Indiana, and with her father, Simon Steen, removed to this county in 1854. The overwhelming grief of Mr. and Mrs. Warner' s lives came to them in the death of three of their children within ten days. They were Rosella, Edgar and William, aged respectively five, three, and a year and two months. Dell departed this life April 9, 1900, aged twenty-two years, seven months and seven days, and the only son, Bert S., is assisting his father in the management of the farms.

Politically Mr. Warner is a true blue Republican, and ever since 1860, when he voted for Lincoln, he has faithfully deposited his ballot in favor of Republican nominees. He has been identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of the Masonic order. He and his family are active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church and are sincerely esteemed.

JAMES B. BUSEY, one of the representative farmers and a prominent and influential citizen of Newcomb township, who owns and operates a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, one mile south of Fisher, is a native of Champaign county, born on the old college farm in Urbana township, November 3, 1856, and is a son of Simeon H. and Artemisia (Jones) Busey, of Urbana. He was reared and educated in Urbana, and remained with his father until nineteen years of age, when he went to Penfield township and there engaged in farming for one year. During the years of 1876 and 1877 he was interested in mercantile pursuits, conducting a general store at Penfield, as a member of the firm of Busey & Riley. In 1878 he took up his residence on the farm in Newcomb township, where he now resides. The land at that time was only partly broken, and to its further improvement and cultivation he has since devoted his energies with most gratifying results. He has fenced, ditched and tiled

the place, placed the land under excellent cultivation, set out an orchard and small fruits, erected a good residence, barn, granary and other outbuildings, all of which improvements add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place.

On the 29th of December, 1880, Mr. Busey was married in Urbana to Miss Catherine Kaucher, who was born, reared and educated in that city. Her parents were M. W. and Mary Frances Kaucher, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. Her father came to Urbana in 1855, and for several years was one of the leading contractors of the city, erecting many of its public buildings, business houses and residences. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Busey are Martin, Simeon, James, Frances and Josephine, who are all attending the home school; and Matthew W.

Politically Mr. Busey has been a lifelong supporter of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and has been honored with several important official positions by his fellow citizens, who recognize his worth and ability. He has served as township clerk; was assessor about ten years; and is now serving his sixth year as supervisor of his township, and has ever taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He has ever given a hearty support to the public schools, has for twenty years been a member of the board, and is now president of the district. Both Mr. and Mrs. Busey were reared in the Baptist faith, but now hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Fisher, and he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and the Knights of Pythias, all of Fisher. He has passed through all the chairs of the last named order, and is now past chancellor of his lodge. He is public-spirited and progressive, and is justly numbered among the leading citizens of his community.

JOHN J. ZERBE, one of the most intelligent and enterprising citizens of Brown township, Champaign county, Illinois, who is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising on section 21, was born September 30, 1837, in Berks county, Pennsylvania. The family is of Swiss origin and the ancestors of our subject were among the first settlers of Berks county. His father, John W. Zerbe, was born there in 1805, and was a son of John Zerbe, also a native of Pennsylvania. The former spent his boyhood and youth on the old homestead, and on reaching man's estate married Miss Elizabeth Arnold, a native of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Squire Arnold, who was killed in battle near Baltimore, Maryland, while serving as a soldier of the war of 1812. In early life the father of our subject followed the shoemaker's trade and later engaged in farming in his native state. In the spring of 1877 he joined his children in Illinois, but died in Sidney in the fall of the same year, at about the age of seventy-three. His wife survived him some time, dying in 1890 at the age of eighty-six. They had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, of whom ten reached man and womanhood, and three sons and three daughters are yet living.

In the county of his nativity, John J. Zerbe grew to manhood, and was given good educational advantages, attending first the public schools and later the Stouchsburg Academy for about three years. He

pursued his studies in the latter institution during the summer months, while through the winter he taught school, following that profession in Berks county for six terms. In 1859 he visited a sister in Ford county, Illinois, but returned to Pennsylvania, and did not locate permanently in this state until April, 1863, when he took up his residence in Champaign county. That spring he engaged in teaching school, and again the following winter. For some years he continued to devote a part of his time to that profession, teaching in all eleven terms in this county.

Here Mr. Zerbe was married December 1, 1870, to Miss Maggie Mitchell, a native of Harrison county, Ohio, and a sister of Hugh Mitchell, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. By this union were born six children, namely: Maud, now the wife of Samuel E. Kurtz, a business man of Sac City, Iowa; John F., who is married and engaged in farming in Newcomb township, this county; Charles G., who assists his father in the operation of the farm; Lillie B., who was educated in the home school and at Green College, Hoopston, Illinois, and is now a a successful teacher of this county; George W., who was educated at Hoopston and Dixon, and is now at home; and Grover C., who died at about the age of twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe began their married life on a farm of eighty acres in Brown town ship which he had previously purchased, and where they still reside. At that time only a portion of the land had been broken and the only improvement was a little house, but he has since built a good substantial residence, barns, cribs and other outbuildings, has tiled and fenced the land, has planted an orchard and shade trees, and has added to his property until he now has two hundred and twenty acres of land under a high state of cultivation.

Politically Mr. Zerbe is a Jeffersonian Democrat, in which faith he was reared, and he cast his first presidential ballot for Stephen A. Douglas, the "Little Giant," in 1860. He takes an active and prominent part in local politics; and has served three consecutive years as assessor of his township; township clerk about twenty years; justice of the peace eight years; trustee ten or twelve years; and a member of the school school board and clerk of the district several years. He has been a delegate to numerous county conventions, and is again serving as assessor of Brown township. He has proved a most competent officer, discharging his duties with fidelity and promptness, worthy of the highest commendation. He and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Protestant church of Foosland, of which he was a trustee some years, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He has filled all the chairs in his lodge, is past chancellor, and has been a representative to the grand lodge of the state. In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him, and has the entire confidence and respect of the community where he has so long made his home.

GEORGE FRANKEBERGER. As his name indicates, this sterling citizen of Mahomet is of German extraction, and, as is well known, he possesses many of the notable traits of character which have brought the people of the Fatherland to their prominence among the nations. Several generations of his family have dwelt in

America, and many of his relatives and ancestors lived in Pennsylvania, where they were well-to-do and influential. His father, John, son of William Frankeberger, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1817, and when fifteen years of age removed with the family to Richland county, Ohio, where he grew to maturity. For a wife he chose Susannah, daughter of John Swisher, who also was from the Keystone state. She was born January 23, 1817, and was but nine years of age when she located in Richland county. There she was married, April 9, 1844, and ten years later she was bereft of her father, who died at his old home in the Buckeye state. In 1853 John and Susannah Frankeberger came to Champaign county, arriving here in June, and located upon a partly improved farm in Hensley township, about a mile north of Rising Station. Later they bought other property and owned a quarter section of very desirable farm land. The father was so badly injured by a runaway team, attached to a McCormick harvester, that death resulted, July 11, 1863. The mother is yet living and at present is making her home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Jane Richards, of Champaign.

The birth of George Frankeberger took place February 7, 1845, in Richland county, Ohio, and from the time he was eight years old he has lived in this county, his education having been obtained in the district schools. The first school-house in District No. 2, Hensley township, was built in the fall of 1852, and our subject was a pupil of Miss Margaret Scott, the first teacher there. He early mastered farming in its various branches, and had plenty of opportunity of working hard on the pioneer prairie homestead. For several years subsequent to the death of his father, the young man remained upon the farm, conducting its affairs for his mother.

An important step in his life occurred February 16, 1871, when he married Nancy, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Harper) Hammer. They were natives of the Keystone state, while Mrs. Frankeberger was born in Franklin county, Ohio, and about 1856 came to Illinois with her parents. Our subject and wife have one daughter, Mary Alma, a young lady, at home.

Before his marriage George Frankeberger, in partnership with his mother, had bought eighty acres of land and here he and his wife commenced housekeeping. Afterwards he purchased his mother's interest in the place, and finally traded it for his present farm, paying the difference. About 1849 Squire Stewart took up his residence upon the homestead, which is one of the oldest upon the old state road, and on the place is an orchard with apple trees fifty years old. To the original property he later added sixty-five acres of his father's estate, and now manages two hundred and forty acres, which he has improved with fruit and shade trees, tiling and ditches. He also owns property in Champaign. Until 1893, when he retired from active cares, he was occupied in general farming and stock-raising, and by industry and economy laid the basis of his present prosperity. For the past seven years he has rented his farm and has lived in a pretty home in Mahomet, where he is a highly prized citizen.

During his entire life, Mr. Frankeberger has been a true friend to education, and besides giving his vote and influence for the maintenance of good schools, he served

as one of the trustees in his township. He never has sought nor desired public office, and in local elections uses his franchise in favor of the best man, regardless of party, while in national affairs he is a stalwart Republican. He cast his first presidential ballot for General Grant in 1868, and never has failed to aid the Republican candidate ever since that time. With his wife and daughter, he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Mahomet, and delights in the grand work of his denomination.

HENRY B. FREEMAN, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a highly respected citizen of Brown township, Champaign county, Illinois, residing on section 21, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 8, 1845, and is a son of Benjamin L. Freeman, whose birth occurred on the same farm about 1820. The grandfather, Captain Benjamin L. Freeman, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a soldier of the war of 1812, in which he held a captain's commission. He was one of the first settlers of Fairfield county, Ohio, and in the midst of the wilderness opened up a large farm of about four hundred acres, which he entered from the government. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-three years. His ancestors were of German descent and were among the pioneers of Pennsylvania.

On the old homestead the father of our subject grew to manhood, and in early life he married Miss Fanny Leitnaker, also a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and a daughter of Squire Leitnaker, one of its pioneers. Mr. Freeman succeeded to a part of the home farm, and became one of the thrifty agriculturists of the community, where he is still living at the age of eighty years. His wife departed this life in January, 1898. In their family were eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Newton, who died in childhood; Almeda, who married Thomas Brooks and died in Ohio; Ellen, who married V. H. Cupp and died in Indiana; Henry B., our subject; Lizzie A., who married Marion F. Cupp and lives on a part of the old homestead in Ohio; O. P., a farmer of Michigan; L. A., who is engaged in farming on the home farm; and Mary, wife of Brock Cooprider of Licking county, Ohio.

Henry B. Freeman was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his days, and as his school privileges were limited, he has acquired the greater part of his education through his own efforts since reaching maturity. In November, 1862, he joined the boys in blue of Company M, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, and with the Army of the Tennessee participated in the battles of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, Cynthiana, Nashville, Cadmus and many skirmishes. He was taken prisoner at Mt. Sterling, but made his escape in less than two days, and at Murfreesboro was ill with typhoid fever for a time. With these exceptions he was always found at his post of duty, valiantly defending the old flag and the cause it represented. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, and honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in November, 1865.

Returning home, Mr. Freeman resumed work on the farm, and the following season purchased a threshing machine, which he operated in season until 1872. In the fall of 1871 he came to Illinois and rented a farm in Champaign county. He then returned to Ohio, where he was married January 16, 1872, to Miss Maggie Ewing, also a native

of Fairfield county, and a daughter of David Ewing, who was born on the same farm as Mrs. Freeman, being a son of Judge David Ewing, one of the pioneers of the county. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Priscilla Wells, was born in Pennsylvania, and died when Mrs. Freeman was only six years old, leaving two children, the other being John W. Ewing, a business man of Chicago. The father married again and by his second union has seven children living. He is still living on the old homestead in Fairfield county, Ohio. Our subject and his wife have two sons: Harlan L., who will complete the course of study at Adrian College, Michgan, in 1900; and Harry E., who is attending the home school.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Freeman brought his bride to Champaign county, Illinois, and located on the farm which he had previously rented, remaining there two years. He then rented property in Brown township for one year, during which time he purchased eighty acres of raw land on secting 21, where he still resides. He broke the virgin soil, erected a neat set of farm building, and has made many other improvements upon that farm. so that it is now one of the most desirable places of its size in the locality.

Mr. Freeman is an ardent Republican in politics and cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1868. He has served two term as township trustee, and was a member of the school board some years, having ever taken an active interest in educational affairs, and given his influence to secure good schools and competent teachers. He was reared in the new school Lutheran church, but now holds membership in the Mt. Hope United Brethren church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church of Foosland. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge of Pleasantville, Ohio, with which he united at the age of twenty-one, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias of of Fooland, Illinois, and Fisher Post, G. A. R.

JOHN H. HINTON, a well-to-do and successful farmer residing on section 15, Newcomb township, is a native of Champaign county, his birth occurring February 1, 1856, in the township where he still continues to make his home. His father, Pleman Hinton, was born in Ohio, and during childhood was taken by his parents to Clinton county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood and married Nancy Anderson, a native of Indiana. After the birth of two of their children they came to Champaign county, Illinois, and took up their residence in Newcomb township, where the father opened up and improved a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and where the remainder of their lives were spent.

On the home farm John H. Hinton passed his boyhood and youth and was educated in the district schools of the locality. He remained with his father until twenty-two years of age and then started out in life for himself. His first purchase consisted of forty acres of partially improved land, upon which a house had been erected and a few rods of fence built. For two years he devoted his time to its further improvement and cultivation, and then sold the place at an advantage and bought sixty-five acres of his present farm. As his financial resources have increased, he has added to the place from time to time until he now owns one hundred and eighty-six acres all

in one body, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved by the erection of a new and substantial residence and good barns and outbuildings. He has also tiled the land, fenced it, and set out an orchard, small fruits, forest and ornamental trees.

In his native township Mr. Hinton was married, January 10, 1878, to Miss Mollie Funston, a daughter of J. H. Funston, now of Champaign. She was born in this county, and died here, February 13, 1898, aged thirty-eight years. By that union there were three children: Vera, now the wife of Cecil Hinton, of Forest, Illinois; Claude and Orpha. Mr. Hinton was again married, at Fisher, September 20, 1899, his second union being with Miss Lucy Blake, who was born, reared and educated in Ford county, Illinois, her father, A. T. Blake, being one of the substantial farmers of that locality.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hinton is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland, but at local elections votes independently, supporting the best men regardless of party lines. He takes a deep interest in the temperance cause and believes firmly in prohibition. Both he and his wife are active members of the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church, and he is also connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Fisher. As a business man he is upright and honorable in all his dealings, and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts for he started out for himself empty-handed, and has had to work his way upward unaided. He had to go in debt for his first land, but he has steadily overcome the difficulties and obstacles in the path to prosperity, and is now the owner of a large and valuable farm and a good home.

JONAS LESTER, one of the sterling pioneers of Champaign county, is self-made and self-educated and, in view of the many obstacles which he had to overcome in his early manhood and prime, his success is the more remarkable. Nearly half a century has passed since he cast in his lot with the then few inhabitants of this portion of Illinois, and in this period he has been active in the development of its resources and in all that has pertained to its well-being.

David Lester, paternal grandfather of our subject, was of German parentage, and the family settled in Albany county, New York, upon their arrival in this country. Benjamin, father of Jonas Lester, was born in Albany county, August 10, 1807, and was about fifteen years of age when he became a resident of Switzerland county, Indiana. There he married Deliverance R., daughter of Jonas Baldwin, who was sheriff of that county for a number of years. Subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Lester was engaged in teaming in Cincinnati, Ohio, three or four years, and then, returning to Switzerland county, he bought a quarter-section of land, only three acres of which was not covered with heavy timber. He devoted himself to the heavy task of clearing the farm, and made his home there for eighteen years. In April, 1854, he purchased the property in Newcomb township, Champaign county, that is now owned by his son, Captain J. B. Lester, and there he continued to dwell until his death, February 19, 1867. His wife surviving him, died at the home of our subject, August 17, 1888. Of their ten children, six have been called to the better land, and those living are, Jonas; Captain John B.; H. D., of Gibson, Illinois; and Sarah, wife of John Mitchell, of Newcomb township.

The birth of Jonas Lester took place in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 14, 1832, and, as he was reared in the depths of the Switzerland county forests, nature was his only teacher. With his parents he came to Champaign county about the time that he arrived at his majority, and for a few years he worked by the month. At length he bought eighty acres of wild land situated in East Bend township, and after building a small cabin, proceeded to otherwise improve the place. At the end of eight years of well-spent toil, he sold out and invested in a portion of his present farm in Mahomet township. It comprised one hundred and twenty-three acres until he gave forty-nine acres to his son, but he has retained as much land as he now cares to manage. He built a substantial house and other farm buildings upon the place, planted an orchard and set out a good variety of small fruit. For the past twenty-three years the community hereabout has been supplied with all the sand and gravel required from the sand and gravel pits upon Mr. Lester's farm, and in other ways it has proved a good investment. The first wife of Mr. Lester was Sarah A. Hannah. She died at the birth of her first child, Nancy D., who grew to womanhood and married L. H. Hinton, by whom she had two children. She is deceased.

The second marriage of our subject was to Amelia L. Flower and was celebrated in this township, September 4, 1859. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, and came to this state with her parents at an early day. Her father, Gideon Flower, located upon a farm in St. Clair county, and there both he and his wife died. Subseqently, their daughter Amelia and her sister returned to Brooklyn, where they received their education, and, having qualified themselves for teaching, came back to the west. Mrs. Lester, who nobly shared the hardships of her husband's pioneer life, was summoned to her reward January 7, 1892. Levina M. and Adelaide Lester are unmarried and live with their father, while the only son, Charles A., is an enterprising farmer of this township. On the 31st of March, 1897, Jonas Lester wedded Millie A. Lawson, daughter of Robert and Millie Ann (Osborn) Lawson, all natives of New York City. She was an infant when her parents died, and of her eight brothers and sisters only two survive: Mrs. Sarah Smith, of Brooklyn, and Charles, of Williamsburg, New York. When she was about twelve years old she came to Champaign county, where she has since resided. She is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, while Mr. Lester is a Baptist. Politically, he is a true-blue Republican, and prior to the organization of the party was a Whig. Never an aspirant to public positions or honors, the only office he ever was induced to hold was that of tax collector, when he was a young man.

EUGENE B. LARKIN, a prominent and representative farmer of Champaign county, residing on section 16, Brown township, within a half-mile of Foosland, has made his home in Illinois since 1855. He is a native of New York, born in Clinton county, May 9, 1843, and is a son of Edgar Larkin, who was born in the same county in 1814. The Larkin family is of English descent and was founded in New York at an early period in its development. Ira Larkin, the paternal grandfather of our sub-

ject, was also a native of Clinton county, and married Miss Ostrander, whose ancestors were among the Holland settlers of that state. He was a drum major in the war of 1812, and participated in the battle of Plattsburg.

Edgar Larkin was reared in his native county, and there married Lucretia Crawford, who was born in Canada but passed her girlhood in Clinton county, New York. Her father, Squire Crawford, was a naitve of Wales. In early life Edgar Larkin engaged in the manufacture of lumber and also carried on a small farm in New York, where five children were born to him and his wife. In 1855 he moved to La Salle county, Illinois, where he purchased land and improved a farm, making his home there until 1868, when he sold his property and removed to Kankakee county, this state. His last years were spent in retirement at Buckingham, where he died in July, 1884.

The subject of this sketch was a lad of twelve years on the removal of the family to La Salle county. He acquired a good education, attending the common schools and also the Leland high school for one term. Hardly had the echoes of Fort Sumter's guns died away when he offered his services to his country to assist in putting down the rebellion, enlisting April 30, 1861, before he was eighteen years of age, as a private in Company D, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the following September. He was captured at Lexington, Missouri, but paroled, and later mustered out, when he returned home. Soon after his exchange he re-enlisted at Ottawa, as fifth sergeant in Company D, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Fourth Division under General Hurlbut. The command first went to Savannah, and later participated in the battle of Hatchie's Run, the second battle of Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, and the battle of Jackson, Mississippi, where the regiment charged the works and their flag was captured. Later they were in the Atlanta campaign, and were with Sherman on the march to the sea. At Savannah Mr. Larkin was mustered out, January 1, 1865, but he later veteranized, joining the Fourth United States Veteran Volunteers. From Washington, D. C., his command went to Winchester, West Virginia, where they did guard duty, and also guarded the conspirators connected with the assassination of President Lincoln, and were on duty at Columbus, Ohio, for a time. Mr. Larkin was finally mustered out and honorably discharged in March, 1866.

Returning to his home in La Salle county, he was married, March 20, 1866, to Miss Ellen Riggs, a native of that county, and a daughter of Isaac Riggs, one of its early settlers. By this union were born four children: Lillian, now the wife of Oliver Ball, agent for the Wabash Railroad at Emington, Illinois, by whom she has one child, Arthur Ball; Arthur Larkin, who assists his father in carrying on the home farm; Lena Maud, at home; and Eva May, who died at the age of two years and a half.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Larkin located on a farm near Cabery, Ford county, Illinois, where he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land, and operated the same for six years. In 1874 he purchased a tract of eighty acres on section 16, Brown township, Champaign county, where he has since made his home, having added to it another eighty acres. His first residence, which was quite small, he has replaced by a more commodious and modern structure, has placed

the land under a high state of cultivation, and made many other valuable and useful improvements. He follows general farming and stock raising, and is accounted one of the thrifty and successful agriculturists of his community.

Since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant, Mr. Larkin has never wavered in his allegiance to the Republican party, but has taken an active part in local politics and has been a member of the county central committee. He was a member of the school board for seventeen years, and served as supervisor one term, being a member of several important committees while filling that office. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Protestant church of Foosland, of which he is a trustee, and he also belongs to the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity at Gibson. His many sterling qualities command the respect and confidence of all and have secured for him the high regard of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

CALVIN BEATTY, one of the most prosperous and substantial farmers of Newcomb township, Champaign county, came to this state without capital, and by the exercise of his resolute will and persevering industry has built up a most creditable homestead, consisting of four hundred acres of well-improved and valuable land on section 5. His straightforward methods of doing business and his value as a member of the community, have gained for him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who have watched his career with interest and are not slow to acknowledge that he is deserving of all the good that has fallen to him.

Mr. Beatty was born in Sparta, Sussex county, New Jersey, February 6, 1840, and on the paternal side is of Irish and on the maternal side is of English descent. His grandfather, Thomas Beatty, was a native of Ireland and an early settler of New Jersey. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, being stationed most of the time at Sandy Hook. George B. Beatty, the father of our subject, was born in Andover, Sussex county, New Jersey, in 1811, and on reaching manhood married Elizabeth Stites, a native of Somerset county, that state, and a daughter of John Stites. After his marriage he located on the old Beatty homestead, where he followed farming throughout his active business life, dying there March 17, 1888. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1843, and he was again married. He survived his second wife three years. In early life he was a member of the home militia; for thirty years served as justice of the peace, and being one of the most prominent men of his community he was called upon to fill other public positions of honor and trust.

During his boyhood Calvin Beatty attended the home school and an academy of his native state, and remained with his father upon the farm until reaching maturity. After leaving the parental roof, he clerked in a store for over a year, and there received a practical business training. In September, 1866, he came west and first located in Galva, Henry county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm by the month for two years.

Returning to his native state early in the year 1868, Mr. Beatty was married, February 25, to Miss Ella McKinney, who was born in the same neighborhood as her husband, and is a daughter of John McKinney,

whose death occurred there when she was twelve years of age. She was then reared by an uncle, and was well educated. To Mr. and Mrs. Beatty were born five children, namely: George L. is married and follows farming on the home place; Lillie M. is the wife of Thomas Sloan, who operates a part of the farm; Lula G. was educated in the Normal at Urbana, and is now one of the successful teachers of the county; Sadie is at home, and Hattie is a student in the home school. They also have an adopted son, Guy Ferrell Beatty, now twelve years of age.

The day after their marriage, February 26, 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty started for their new home in Henry county, Illinois. After raising one crop there, our subject purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Newcomb township, Champaign county, to which he removed in the fall of the same year. At that time some of the land had been broken and a small house and stable had been erected thereon. To the further improvement and development of the place he immediately turned his attention, and has extended its boundaries from time to time, until he has four hundred acres, upon which he has built a neat and commodious residence, two good barns and other outbuildings. He has divided the land by good fences into fields of convenient size, has laid many rods of tiling and planted fruit and ornamental trees, making it one of the most valuable farms in the township.

On national issues Mr. Beatty is a Democrat and cast his first presidential ballot for George B. McClelland in 1864, but at local elections he votes independent of party lines, endeavoring to support the man best qualified for the office. He has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests, but has served for three consecutive terms as justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty are active and prominent members of the Methodist Protestant church located upon his land, he having given the lot and contributed liberally to the erection of the house of worship. He is one of the charter members and an officer of the church. He is a man of exemplary habits, of tried integrity and sterling worth, and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

JOHN W. TANNER, of Mahomet, is one of the best known citizens of this locality and specimens of his skill and handiwork are to be seen upon every side. For many years he has been actively connected with various local enterprises and his influence always has been exercised on behalf of progress and good government.

Born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, February 17, 1851, Mr. Tanner is a son of John and Mary (Pass) Tanner, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively. The family settled in the Hoosier state in 1847, and there the father carried on a farm successfully until his death, which came as the result of injuries sustained in an accident in 1865. His devoted wife, who had been a true helpmate, died the year following his demise.

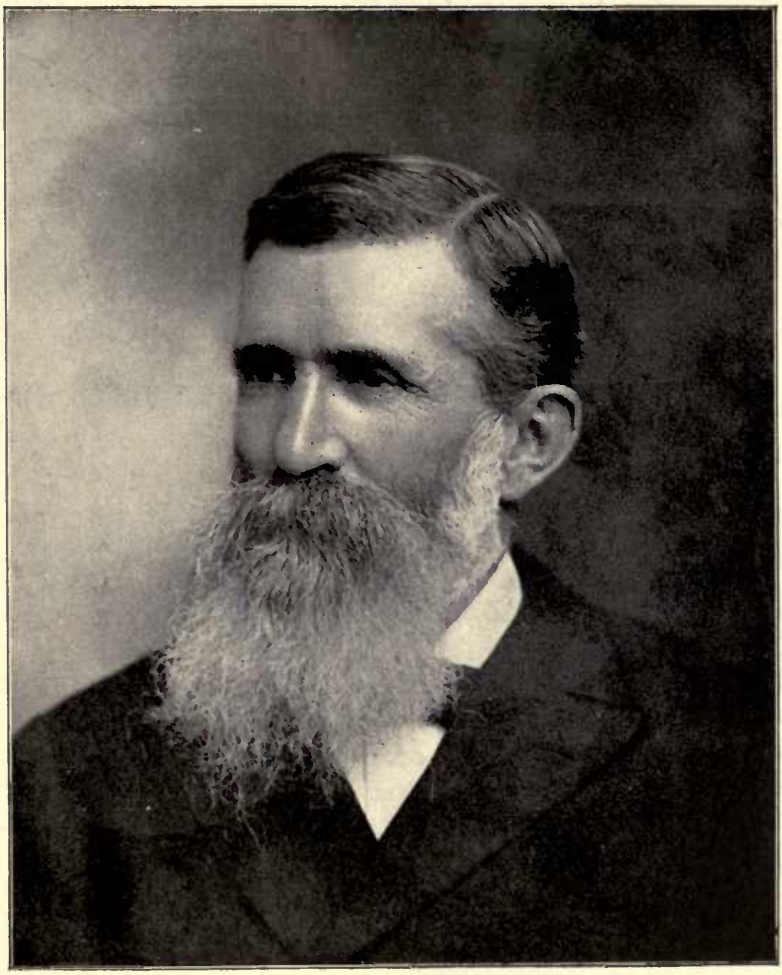
John W. Tanner resided upon the parental farm until he was sixteen years of age, and in his early life he had but limited educational advantages. After spending about two years as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade he came to Illinois in 1869, and engaged in farming in Coles county, and later in Champaign county for several years.

In the meantime he was employed to some extent at his trade, and having made a reputation for skill and integrity his future was assured. Taking up his residence in Mahomet in 1875, he began contracting and building, some seasons employing from twenty-five to thirty men. His patrons were not those of this immediate locality merely, but throughout this section of the county he erected residences and public buildings, which plainly manifest his skill and stand as monuments to his enterprise. Gradually he began investing in real estate and built houses upon his property, and thus to-day is the owner of five residences and two small farms, situated just outside the corporation limits. In 1887 he established a lumber yard, with sheds for the best grades of building material, and a few years later commenced dealing in coal also. In connection with his other enterprises he owns and operates a planing-mill and carries a good stock of builders' hardware and plumbing material. A natural mechanic, he readily takes up many lines of work not strictly within his province, and with all the versatility of the true American. In his early efforts to gain a foothold and standing in the business world he received the influence of B. F. Harris & Sons, of Champaign, who recognized his ability and put faith in his integrity. For his own family Mr. Tanner built a pretty residence in the southern part of Mahomet, and also put up four houses to rent, all of which are supplied by a fine water system, planned by the proprietor. A wind-mill and large tank pumps and stores the water, which is conveyed by a complete system of underground pipes into the different houses. Perseverance and hard work can accomplish wonders, must be the verdict of the reviewer of Mr. Tanner's career, and his example is worthy of being held up to the rising generation.

In his political attitude Mr. Tanner has been affiliated with the Democratic party until the campaign of 1896, when he gave his ballot to McKinley and the gold standard. He has been a stalwart advocate of temperance for many years, and in all elections where his ballot can be of real service to the cause he uses it for Prohibition candidates and measures. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and has occupied various positions of honor in his lodge.

The marriage of Mr. Tanner and Alice Belle Bolton, a native of Ohio, was solemnized November 11, 1875, in this county. She is a daughter of Reason Bolton, one of the early settlers of Champaign county. For many years he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he now makes his home with our subject and wife. Forrest L., the only son of the latter, received an excellent education, and has been connected with his father in business for some time. Eva Gertrude, the only daughter, is a student at the Jacksonville Female College. Mr. Tanner and the young people are members of the Baptist church, while the wife and mother is identified with the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

JESSE MEHARRY, a well known citizen of Champaign county, is now living a retired life and is enjoying a rest which he has justly earned. His residence in Tolono, erected by him about seven years ago, is one of the most beautiful modern houses in the state. Finely furnished throughout, and equipped with the latest appliances and conveniences, it bespeaks the enterprise and ex-



JESSE MEHARRY.

cellent taste of the owners, who have reason to be proud of their attractive home.

Jesse Meharry is of Scotch-Irish and Welsh extraction. During the reign of Queen Mary, and the terrible persecutions in the name of religion, the forefathers of our subject escaped, by going to Ireland. In that country the latter's grandparents were married in the spring of 1794, and in May of that year they settled in America. After spending thirteen weeks on the broad Atlantic, they landed in New York, from whence they proceeded to Philadelphia, and later to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Subsequently they located in Connellsville, in the same state, and afterwards took up their residence in Adams county, Ohio, where the grandfather met his death in a peculiar manner, June 21, 1813. The midsummer day was calm and clear, as he was riding along a rural road, when, without warning, a tree which leaned slightly over the highway, crashed to the ground, killing the unfortunate man. His widow was left with seven sons and one daughter, whom she reared to maturity, and, her life work well performed, she passed to her reward in 1844.

The parents of our subject were Thomas and Eunity (Patton) Meharry, natives of Adams and Brown counties, Ohio, respectively. The mother, whose birth occurred in 1802, became the wife of Mr. Meharry in December, 1827. He was a life-long farmer, and at an early day removed with his family to Indiana. Politically he was first a Democrat, then a Whig, and on its organization became an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and, while a worker in the party organization, never aspired to public office. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a worthy, patriotic citizen, having the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He entered the silent land January 29, 1874.

Seven children were born to Thomas Meharry and wife. Jane P., widow of E. H. Dick, who was a farmer in the vicinity of Philo, now resides in that village. (See sketch on another page of this work). William, a resident of Tolono, is also represented elsewhere in this volume. Ellen married John S. Martin, and they are now living retired in Newtown, Indiana. (Their children are Rhoda E., Unity, Ephraim, Ida, Jesse and Etta). Jesse, of this sketch, is next in order of birth. Polly A., deceased, was the wife of A. C. McCorkle, a farmer of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and their two sons are John and Charles. Abraham P., of Crittenden township, Champaign county, has one son, Charles. Isaac M. carries on the old family homestead in Montgomery county, Indiana. He has five living children—Effie R., Annie, Abraham J., Jennie and Vinton S.

Jesse Meharry was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, October 9, 1835. His primary education was obtained in the common schools of his native county, but he later entered Asbury (now De Pauw) University, at Greencastle, Indiana, where he pursued a course of study. He was in the University during the campaign of 1860 and cast his second presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. In 1856, shortly after attaining his majority, he cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, the great "Pathfinder." With the exception of the time spent in the University, he remained at home, assisting in the work of the farm, thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of the vocation which he has since followed with such gratifying success. While yet at home he engaged quite extensively in buying and

selling live stock, by which means he laid the foundation for the wealth that he has since acquired.

In 1862 Mr. Meharry came to Champaign county, his father having previously entered four thousand acres of land in Champaign, McLean and Shelby counties. Here he fed and herded cattle on land now owned by him, a part of which is included within the present corporate limits of the town of Tolono. Though he remained here, it was not until 1865 that he concluded to permanently locate here. At that time he embarked in farming, and as his means increased he gradually extended his landed possessions until he now owns about two thousand acres. He first located on a farm in Philo township, three miles east of his present home, and, as formerly, gave his attention to the raising of stock and grain, with good financial results. By diligence and energy, and the application of sound business principles, he won success far beyond the average.

The marriage of Jesse Meharry and Addie A. Francis was celebrated at her home in New Lenox, Will county, Illinois, February 27, 1873. She is a daughter of Abraham and Mary A. (Davison) Francis, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Brown county, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents were William and Jane (Love) Francis, who owned land in Adams county, Ohio, where they died. Her maternal grandparents were William and Mary (Francis) Davison, natives of Ireland. Abraham Francis removed to Will county, Illinois, in 1835, where he built the first log cabin in that section. Mrs. Addie A. Meharry was born in Will county, Illinois, September 12, 1851, and was ninth in a family of eleven children.

Four children were born to Jesse Meharry and wife, and they have just cause for pride in their fine, manly sons. The eldest, Jessie Erle, was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1899, and is now, in 1900, pursuing a post graduate course. George F., who was graduated from the Tolono high school in 1899, is now a student in the University of Illinois. Edwin T. is a member of the Tolono high school class of 1900, and Paul F., the youngest, is also making good progress in his studies.

In 1893 Jesse Meharry became a permanent resident of Tolono, and actively identified with its progress. For seven or more years he served as supervisor in Philo township; was commissioner of highways for several years, and acted upon numerous special committees, one having in charge the extensive court-house repairs. Politically, he is a consistent Republican, and at one time represented his township in the county central committee for four years. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school and on the church board of officials, besides having been a member of the building committee at the time the new house of worship was being constructed. To that cause he was a generous contributor of time and money, and his means are liberally distributed in the aid of religion, education and private charities.

MRS. LUCY J. JAMES. While it is often truly said that this is the woman's century as compared with all preceding ones it is certain that few historians give as much credit as they should to the brave pioneer

women who performed labor and endured hardships that to the present generation seem nothing short of marvelous, yet were happy and cheerful, rarely faltering in the tasks which they had taken up for love of husband and children, home and friends. What wonder that from such humble cabins as sheltered the frontiersman and his family came the men who have become foremost in the annals of our beloved country. What wonder that the influence of the quiet loving mother, humbly striving to lead a sweet Christian life, should reach out to uplift and benefit mankind in a thousand ways that she dreamed not of. It is eminently fitting that a place should be given to the pioneer women of Champaign county, in every history of this now flourishing region, and the numerous friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Lucy J. James will undoubtedly take pleasure in perusing this tribute to her worth, and the annals of her life.

The paternal grandfather of this estimable lady was Christian Baughman, who, as his name implies, was of German extraction, and who certainly possessed the sterling qualities of that hardy, virile race. He was born near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, about 1780, and in 1804, when Ohio was not much more than a name to the majority of the people of this land, he located there, and in the midst of the wilderness cleared a farm and reared his family. One of his sons, George, father of Mrs. James, was born in the pioneer cabin, in Muskingum county, Ohio. He grew to manhood in that locality and there wedded Catherine Rees, also of that neighborhood, and thirteen children blessed their union.

Mrs. Lucy J. James, whose birth occurred in the parental home near Roseville, Ohio, passed her girlhood there, and on the 7th of October, 1869, she gave her hand in marriage to Enos James. He, too, was a native of Muskingum county, the date of his birth being February 24, 1821, and his father, Isaac James, was one of the early settlers in that section of the Buckeye state. For several years Enos James had been actively engaged in farming and in the spring preceding his marriage he had come to Champaign county and had bought half a section of land in section 19, Newcomb township. The place had a few improvements, including a small cabin, and the young man proceeded to make the house comfortable and to put everything in as good order as possible for his bride. Soon after their marriage, they set out on their journey to their new western home, and though the years which followed were filled with arduous toil, they were happy ones, and gradually they saw prosperity crowning their efforts. Mr. James was progressive in his methods and invested large amounts of money in tiling, by means of which he drained all the low lands, and made highly productive fields. Finally he erected a large, substantial residence and barn, and planted fruit and shade trees and small fruits, and everything about the place showed his forethought and excellent judgment. He stood well in the opinion of his neighbors and his integrity was beyond question. Though he attended strictly to his own business affairs and never was persuaded to accept public office, he was interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and country, and at presidential elections voted the straight Republican ticket.

Since the death of Mr. James, September 26, 1891, when he had passed the seventieth milestone of his life, his widow has managed the old homestead, with the as-

sistance of her sons. The fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres is kept in as thriving a condition as ever, and Mrs. James has displayed rare judgment in all of her business affairs. Her husband always cheerfully acknowledged that to her he owed a large measure of his success, and she has proved herself to be well qualified as a financier and agriculturist. She was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, and exemplifies in her daily life the high Christian principles in which she believes.

Moses B. James, the eldest child of Enos and Lucy James, resides in a pretty modern residence which was built for him on the old homestead, which he assists his mother and brother in managing. He chose for a wife, Mary Emma Keene, who was born in Kentucky, and their two children are named, respectively, Leslie and Iva. Lucy C., eldest daughter of our subject, is the wife of John Patterson, of Fisher, and their three children are named, respectively, Alma L., Lena L. and Stella M. Mary E., the second daughter, is the wife of James T. Adams, of Bloomington, Illinois, and her children are Mabel C. and Grace I. Anna R., George E. G. and Clara I. are yet members of their mother's household and are promising young people. She was bereft of three children, one who died in infancy, John W., who died when ten months old, and Bessie E., who lived to be fifteen years of age.

During the many years of Mrs. James' residence in this county, she has been the witness of remarkable changes, and has been actively associated with the increasing prosperity of this section. Both she and her husband have been recognized as public spirited citizens, kind and charitable to the poor and needy, ever ready to lend a helping hand to those who were unfortunate, and when they shall have entered into the silent land, their names will be remembered with gratitude and love and "their children shall rise up and call them blessed."

WALLACE BLACK. Quite a number of the leading and prominent agriculturists of Champaign county are of foreign birth, and have transported to this land of fertility and plenty the thrifty habits of their native country. Among these there is none better known or more widely respected than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch. He possesses many of the sterling traits which characterized his Scotch ancestry, and in his labors he has been eminently successful, so that he is now able to lay aside all business cares and live retired upon his farm on section 16, Sadorus township.

Mr. Black was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, April 4, 1837, a son of James and Elizabeth (Frazier) Black, also natives of Scotland, whence they emigrated to America with their family in 1854. For one year the family made their home in Chicago, where the father was employed as an engineer, having always followed that occupation in his native land, but in 1855, on their removal to Champaign county, he purchased a farm and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Here he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, dying upon his farm in 1892, aged seventy-nine years, his wife in 1891, aged about seventy-seven. Their children were William, a resident of Champaign, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Wallace, our subject; Ellen, deceased; and Jane, wife of Charles Brown, a prosperous farmer of Nebraska.

Wallace Black received his education in the common schools of his native land, and when quite young was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, at which he found employment during the residence of the family in Chicago. On coming to this county he took up farm work and has since devoted his time to that occupation. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and then started out in life for himself.

In August, 1860, Mr. Black married Miss Ellen Steven, also a native of Scotland, born August 10, 1837, and a daughter of James and Christina (Gray) Steven, who spent their last days in this country dying in Champaign county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Black, but one died in infancy. The other reached years of maturity. (1) Elizabeth, the eldest, married James Ross, by whom she has three children, Harry, Russell and Nellie, and she now lives at home with her parents. (2) Stewart, a prosperous farmer of Sadorus township, is married and has one child, Edna (3) Agnes is the wife of Frank Barracks, a farmer of Nebraska, and they have one son, Wallace. (4) George married Annie Mattox and operates one hundred and sixty acres of his father's land. (5) Nellie is the wife of Guy Cook, a farmer of Sadorus township, and they have two children, Grace and Gertrude.

After his marriage Mr. Black located on the home farm and began a successful career as a general farmer. His first purchase consisted of fifty-three acres of land, which he improved by the erection of a very large and comfortable residence. He has since added to his place until he now owns eighty acres on section 16, Sadorus township, and one hundred and sixty acres on section 21, all under a high state of cultivation, well tilled and otherwise improved, making it one of the most valuable tracts of land in the township. Of recent years Mr. Black has rented his farm and retired from active labor, though he busies himself in looking after his interests.

In political sentiment Mr. Black is a Democrat, but at local elections he supports the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the position regardless of party lines, and has never been prevailed upon to accept any office in his township. He has, however, served as school director and ditch commissioner for a number of years each, and always faithfully performs any duty devolving upon him, whether public or private. He is therefore numbered among the useful and valued citizens of his community, and is held in high regard by all know him.

ROBERT GORE BALL, living on section 17, Brown township, is an enterprising and progressive farmer, who for the past nine years has had charge of the Foosland estate, consisting of thirty-eight hundred acres of land in the northern part of this county. He was born in Boone county, Indiana, November 8, 1836, and is a son of Joseph and Ingabo (McDaniel) Ball, both natives of Monroe county, West Virginia, where they were married in 1833. Our subject's paternal grandfather, William Ball, was a pioneer of that state. In 1834 the parents moved to Boone county, Indiana, and in the midst of the forest the father cleared and improved a farm, upon which he reared his family. He died there March 3, 1861, and his wife passed away in 1856.

The subject of this review remained under the parental roof until twenty years

of age, aiding in the arduous task of clearing away the timber, and transforming the wild land into fertile fields. In 1856 he came to McLean county, Illinois, where he worked by the month until 1861. On the 22nd of September, that year, at Bloomington, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Brock, a native of McLean county, and a daughter of Sherwood and Nancy Brock, formerly from Ohio and among the pioneers of McLean county. There Mr. and Mrs. Ball began their married life on a farm in Randolph township, where he rented land for six years, and in 1867 removed to Brown township, Champaign county, where he engaged in farming upon rented property for several years. He finally purchased a farm and made it his home until 1891, when he sold the place and took charge of the Foosland estate, locating on section 17, Brown township, in 1892. This is the largest body of land under the control of one man in the northern part of the county. In the management of the place Mr. Ball has displayed excellent business and executive ability, giving entire satisfaction to the owners, who have been fortunate in securing such a competent overseer.

Mr. Ball has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died August 23, 1894, and was laid to rest in Mt. Hope cemetery. To them were born thirteen children, namely: Emma, now the wife of William Ritchie, a merchant of Foosland; Caroline, wife of K. D. Boyd, of the same place; Oliver, railroad agent on the Wabash at Emington, Illinois; Charles, who is married and follows farming in Brown township; Mary, deceased wife of S. F. Gibbons, of Brown township; Sherman, who is married and follows farming in Otero county, Colorado; Corley, who is married and living at Toledo, Ohio, being mail agent on the Wabash Railroad running from Toledo to St. Louis, Missouri; Ida, wife of J. P. Pollock, of Otero county, Colorado; W. T., who is married and living in the same county; Nora, wife of Loren Pfoff, a grain dealer of Harpster, Ford county, Illinois; David, agent for the Wabash Railroad at Ritchie; Hattie Ethel and Vivian Alice, both at home. Mr. Ball also has twenty-four grandchildren. The family are all members of the same church, and he holds membership in the Mt. Hope United Brethren church. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Foosland, and politically is a stanch Republican, having always supported that party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He is an upright, honorable man of strict integrity and sterling worth, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

GEORGE SACKRIDER. For a place of its size, Mahomet is blessed with an exceptionally large number of wide-awake, energetic business men, and prominent in the list for the past score of years has been the subject of this sketch, who is a son of Peter Sackrider, who was born in Germany October 18, 1835.

Believing that America offered better opportunities to an ambitious young man, Peter Sackriter emigrated to these hospitable shores, and, having learned the butcher's business in Columbus, Ohio, proceeded to work at that calling there until 1858, when he located in Edgar county, Illinois. When the Civil war came on, he enlisted and loyally served in the ranks until peace had been declared. Returning home he

then conducted a meat business in Piatt county for a few years, also engaging in the manufacture of brick. At the last-named occupation he later was employed in Mahomet, and at this writing is living retired at his home in Anderson, Indiana.

The nativity of George Sackrider took place near Columbus, Ohio, August 2, 1858. He grew to manhood in this state, and has had to rely mainly upon his own efforts in the acquisition of an education. In fact, he may justly be termed a self-made man, for he has had his own way to make, and has nobly struggled against the numerous difficulties which confronts one who starts out without means or influence. In 1878 he joined his father at Mahomet, and for over ten years was employed in the brick yard here, thoroughly learning the trade. He became the owner of the plant about 1891, by purchase, and since then he has greatly increased the capacity of the factory and the superiority of the manufactured article. From four to five hundred thousand bricks are made here each year, and there has been a growing demand for the product, which compares favorably with the best grades in the market. Fairness characterizes all of our subject's dealings, and he possesses the respect of the entire community.

On the 24th of December, 1882, Mr. Sackriter married Fonnie Morse, daughter of John H. and Sarah Ann (Cox) Morse, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The former, who was born October 18, 1835, was a son of Henry Morse, one of the pioneers of the Buckeye state, and originally of Canada. J. H. Morse followed the calling of a carpenter, and was a citizen of Mahomet for many years. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Sackriter is Lloyd, who is a promising youth, now attending the home schools. Another son, Wilbur, died when five years of age.

The home of the Sackriter family is a very attractive one, and no pains or expense have been spared in improving the property. Fine fruit and shade trees and a well kept lawn add greatly to the beauty of the premises, and everything is kept up in a thrifty manner. In local elections our subject is independent, while in national issues he uses his franchise in favor of the nominees of the Prohibition party. He has never desired public offices, but served for two terms as a member of the town board. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and now holds the office of noble grand in the Mahomet lodge, while in the Modern Woodmen of America he also holds an official position. Everything which affects the general prosperity of this community is of deep interest to him, and he faithfully meets all of the obligations which devolve upon him as a citizen.

GEORGE M. SEEBER. This gentleman worthily illustrates the commonly accepted view of the character of an enterprising German citizen, who through his own unaided efforts has achieved remarkably successful during his residence in the new world. He makes his home on section 13, Condit township, Champaign county, Illinois, where he owns and operates a valuable and well-improved farm of six hundred and forty acres.

Mr. Seeber was born on the 2nd of April, 1832, in the village of St. Martin, Bavaria, Germany, his father being a wine-grower on the River Rhine. Our subject

was reared upon a farm and given fair common-school advantages. He was married April 27, 1861, to Miss Sabilla Schreieck, a native of St. Martin, which was also the birthplace of the five children born of this union, namely: Elizabeth, at home; Gretchen, wife of Ferdinand Hammel, a farmer of Champaign county; and Fred, Egidius and Peter, who are all at home and assist their father in carrying on the farm.

Mr. Seeber owned a vineyard at St. Martin, and for twenty-five years was engaged in the manufacture of wine and brandy. For a number of years he also followed contracting in his native land, furnishing timber to a railroad company. In 1882 he emigrated to the United States, taking passage on a vessel at Rotterdam and landing in New York in July of that year. He came direct to Illinois, and for five years operated a rented farm south of Farmer City, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on the county line in McLean county, and made several improvements on the place, including the erection of a small house and some outbuildings. Later he added to his farm a tract of eighty acres, making two hundred and forty acres in all, and continued to engage in farming there until 1892, when he sold out at a good advantage and bought the section of land in Condit township, Champaign county, where he now resides. He has erected thereon a commodious and substantial residence, a barn, cribs, sheds and other outbuildings; has tiled and fenced the land, and now has one of the best improved and most desirable farms in the locality. He is one of Champaign county's most extensive agriculturists, raising on an average from twenty to twenty-five thousand bushels of corn per year and from eight to ten thousand bushels of oats. He also gives considerable attention to stock, raising a good grade of cattle and hogs, but his specialty is the breeding and raising of Percheron and French coach horses. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, of good executive ability, and is able to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has steadily prospered since coming to this country, and is to-day one of the most substantial citizens of Condit township. Politically he has been identified with the Democratic party since casting his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland, but has never sought political preferment. Religiously Mr. Seeber and his family are members of the German Catholic church of Champaign, and are people of prominence in the community where they reside.

EZRA E. CHESTER. Among the many men in Champaign county who will be held in grateful remembrance in coming years is the subject of this sketch, who for nearly half a century has been one of its honored citizens, and who has left the impress of his mind and character upon nearly every page of its history during that time. "Farming," said Washington, "is the most honorable and useful of all occupations," and to this occupation he has given the best years of his life, having done more than any other man in Champaign county to promote the welfare of the farming class. His influence upon farmers and farming interests have not alone been felt in his adopted county, but has extended throughout the length and breadth of the land. An honored commissioner from the



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state of Illinois in the World's Columbian Exposition, his work in connection with the agricultural and educational exhibits of the state brought him in contact with many of the best men throughout the world, and the departments of which he was superintendent attracted wide-spread attention and awakened general interest and favorable comment.

Ezra E. Chester was born near Columbus, Ohio, April 30, 1837, and he is a son of Elias and Anna M. (Smith) Chester. The family was of English origin and was founded in Nova Scotia, whence representatives of the name removed to New York, thence to Ohio, and later to Illinois. The paternal grandfather, Elias Chester, was born on Lake Champlain, and became one of the pioneers of what was then considered the extreme west. He took up his abode upon a tract of land which was secured in return for his father's service in the Revolutionary war, covering a period of seven years. Elias Chester, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Ohio, becoming one of the leading farmers of his locality. He was also a man of considerable prominence in public affairs and was one of the influential members of the Presbyterian church, aiding in founding the society of that denomination near his home and acting as one of the elders in the church. He married Anna M. Smith and spent his entire life in Ohio, although prior to his death he visited Champaign county and was making preparations to remove here when he was taken ill, his death resulting.

Mr. Chester, of this review, had acquired his preliminary education in the common schools, and for two years pursued his studies in Hanover College, but was compelled to leave that institution on account of the death of his father and of his older brother, Thaddeus Smith, whose demise occurred about that time. In consequence the management of the estate devolved upon our subject. The mother and her two younger children remained in Ohio until the death of Mrs. Chester, when the children came to Illinois. The younger brothers and sister of our subject are Hubert, who was a business man of Champaign and died in 1897; Mrs. M. A. Hendren, of Champaign, and Homer W., who is living in Chicago Lawn.

Ezra E. Chester became one of the landholders of Champaign county, in October, 1857, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. He immediately began the work of improvement, and for many years was actively and prominently connected with agricultural pursuits in this county. He operated his farm with a view to stockraising and was one of the first to introduce a herd of registered short horn cattle into this county. He added to his original farm from time to time until now the old homestead comprises nearly five hundred acres of rich land. Again and again he was called to fill local offices by his fellow townsmen who recognized his worth and ability, and was constantly a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. Still he did not neglect his business affairs, continually improving his farm until it is to-day looked upon as "the farm of the county." He broke the prairie, planted trees, built fences, erected large and substantial buildings and now has a little village known as the "Chester farm." His eldest son, Thaddeus P., was educated in the Agricultural College, of Champaign county, and later was taken

into partnership by his father and now has charge of the old homestead, upon which he resides. Ezra E. Chester has proved that farming can be made a very profitable source of income. He carried on his business systematically and methodically, making a careful study of his work in all its departments, avoiding losses and yet not sparing expense for progressive measures which he believed would result beneficially in the end. He remained upon the farm until September, 1892, when he came to the city, being prompted to this step by reason of his children attending the University and high school, by a wish to retire from the more active duties of life, and by a desire to give more attention to his work as a World's Fair commissioner, to which position he had been appointed by the Legislature.

Prior to this time Mr. Chester had been for fourteen years a member of the state board of agriculture, as the representative from this district, and as such had been officially interested in the Agricultural College. In this way he has become widely known in agricultural circles, and his labors have been most effective and beneficial in promoting farming and stockraising interests throughout the state as well as in this immediate community. While serving as a member of the State Board of Agriculture, he advocated the subject and brought before the board the idea of locating the State Fair permanently, instead of having it "on wheels," as had been the case. At the time the improvements were made at the fair grounds at Springfield, Mr. Chester was a member of the committee on the improvement of the grounds, and that in which he takes the most pride was in the securing of the dome of the horticultural building of the World's Fair and which was brought to Springfield. The building known as the Dome building on the fair grounds is used for the exhibition of all agricultural products. The fair grounds at Springfield are admitted to be the finest of their kind in the world, and much of the credit is due to Mr. Chester. He was the first person named to serve as a director of the Illinois experiment station and held that office nine years, serving on the advisory board having in charge the management and planning of the work, so that he was closely identified with the station throughout that period.

At an early day, at an annual meeting held for the purpose of discussing the interests of the county agricultural fair a proposition was made to discontinue the Champaign county fair, Mr. Chester made his maiden speech, saying, among other things, that it was a burning disgrace that Champaign county was not able to support a creditable agricultural fair, when a nickel from each inhabitant of the county would put the association upon its feet. His speech was immediately followed by a resolution that "Whereas, Mr. E. E. Chester is the only hopeful man in the county: Resolved, that he be made president and instructed to find the nickel." He was elected and took the chair.

The grounds formerly used by the association were in bad condition and there was an indebtedness of over seven thousand dollars. Great, indeed, was the contrast when Mr. Chester resigned the office twenty-two years later. The debts were all paid, an equal amount had been spent in improvements, three thousand dollars had been loaned on farm mortgages and there was a surplus of twelve hundred dollars in the bank. Mr. Chester had indeed obeyed instructions and "found the nickel." He made the annual fairs events of great im-

portance and largely stimulated the farmers to produce the best kinds of vegetables and grains and to raise stock of high grades.

Along other lines Mr. Chester also labored for the promotion of the agricultural interests of the state. For four years he was chairman of a committee of three who had charge of the Farmers' Institute work throughout Illinois and in the discharge of his duties he traveled all over the state, his enlarged and progressive views on farming and stock-raising having a marked influence on those departments of labor. He gave the greater portion of his time to his committee work during the winter months, and held institutes throughout the state. He discussed the best methods of raising live stock, and questions of farming economy and delivered many lectures touching upon the practical side of farm work. His efforts have been untiring in behalf of the great department of labor of which he was so long an active representative. He not only believes in the practical work of the farm, but in the improvement along other lines, and to this end he encouraged spelling and singing schools in order that the young people might have their time pleasantly and profitably occupied. He was also instrumental in forming farmers' clubs, which continued in existence for many years, much to the benefit of the communities in which they were located. Professor Morrow has said: "Mr. Chester has done more without hope of compensation for the improvement of the agricultural interests than any other man in Champaign county." At the present time he is vice-president of the National Horse Breeders' Association, with which he has been connected since its organization. He is also one of the executive committee of the Illinois Live Stock Breeders' Association, and president of the Champaign County Percheron Horse Association.

Mr. Chester's work in connection with the World's Columbian Exposition brought him wide fame. He was made chairman of the educational committee for Illinois, and it is now a matter of history that the committee prepared the most complete and splendid exhibition of the kind ever seen at a World's Fair. He was also special director of the agricultural exhibit, and divided his time between the two lines of duty. How splendidly he accomplished the work is now well known. For more than two years he gave his time entirely to this work, remaining in Chicago during much of that period in order to more closely direct the labor of collecting and preparing material. During the first month or more the different educational institutions endeavored to see how much money they could secure, and then they settled down to the hard monotonous work. In his reports Mr. Chester has been very conscientious in giving to each department and person the credit due them, and in his official report to the governor said: "The preparation of this great exhibit (educational) required and received an immense amount of thoughtful planning and self-imposed labor on the part of the professors of the University of the State and their assistants, all of whom, however, cheerfully made the contribution to the successful result." A special committee of the faculties appointed for the purpose had a very large share in the labor, and, Mr. Chester says, should share in the credit. He was a member of the committee that built up the relief maps of Illinois.

It was the plan of the educational committee to illustrate the work of the schools of all grades from the small country schools

up to the best city schools. As chairman of the committee Mr. Chester was allowed to have Champaign county represented and Mr. Shawham selected the school on Mr. Chester's farm. There was an appropriation of eight hundred thousand dollars made for the various exhibits of the state and the various commissioners so carefully managed the expenditures that forty thousand dollars were returned to the state. His work in connection with the agricultural exhibit was no less creditable. Under his direction were gathered much of the grain and material for the picture that attracted so much attention,—a model farm made of grains and grasses, which "attracted more attention than any one thing." His work in this connection brought him into contact with the celebrities from all over the world, from the leading men of central Africa to the president at Washington. One of the most memorable incidents of his connection with the Fair was his meeting with the representatives from the Orange Free State, who wanted to know what we did with all our corn. Mr. Chester answered that we manufacture it into beef, pork, mutton and wool and sent it all over the world. This was a new idea to the questioner, who before had always been accustomed to the idea of producing corn simply for sale. An appropriation of forty thousand dollars was made to encourage exhibitors of improved breeds of live stock in Illinois, and Mr. Chester, as one of the commissioners having that in charge, was careful that the expenditures should not go over the appropriation one cent, and in fact returned three dollars and ninety-seven cents of it to the state treasury, after paying heavily for all live stock exhibited by men of Illinois,—one hundred and sixty dollars for each horse and forty dollars for each cow. His service in connection with the establishment of the Exposition was most commendable and creditable, and his record was at all times unassailable and free from criticism.

Mr. Chester continued a member of the State Board of Agriculture until January 1, 1896, having been first elected in 1882—and since that time has been for four years supervisor of his township and most of the time chairman of the committee on bridges, in which capacity he supervised the building of forty-two bridges for the county. He is now serving another term upon the board, having been re-elected in April, 1900. As a member of the board he labored earnestly and untiringly in behalf of the Cunningham Deaconess & Orphans' Home and the Julia F. Burnham Hospital, and after a hard struggle succeeded in getting the good will of the board for both institutions so that they became patrons of the same. For two years he filled the office of mayor of Champaign, and his administration was characterized by executive ability and purity. The city was bankrupt when he took the office, and his chief object was to place it on a creditable financial basis, reducing the indebtedness to a legal basis. His labors were not only effective in that direction, but marked improvements were also made. Plans were made for twenty-two miles of sewerage and a part of the work was carriedout. Crime and lawlessness were largely quelled and the city was rid of many of its desperate characters. More men and women were sent to the penitentiary during his administration than during the terms of the five previous mayors, and thus it became safe for the wives and daughters to appear upon the streets without fear of being molested.

On the 25th of February, 1864, Mr. Chester was united in marriage to Margaret E. Powell, of Columbus, Ohio, and they have nine children: Thaddeus, who operated the home farm; D. H., who was educated in the University and now has a prominent position with the Worthington Hydraulic Company at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Henry E., who was educated in the University, and is now living at home engaged in the mercantile business; Mary and Florence, who were also students in the University; Guy J., who is with the Central Union Telephone Company, of Chicago, and chief draftsman in the construction department; Margaret B., who is now a student in the University; Anna, who is attending the high school; and Edward E., who completes the family. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Chester is a member of the board of trustees and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Prairie View Presbyterian church. He is devoted to the interests of his family and it seems that he cannot do too much to enhance their welfare and happiness. In all the years that have passed, Mrs. Chester as been truly the helpmeet of her husband and to her watchful care and advice much of his success in life is due.

In the days of his early residence in the county he suffered heavy losses through fire, the death of his horses and through a storm which destroyed his crops, and for six months thereafter he had only a ten dollar bill. He lived on this, incurring an indebtedness of only three dollars and a half in that time. When we stop to consider this and contrast it with his present financial condition his success seems amost marvelous, but it is the outcome of his own efforts. Steadily pursuing his way, undeterred by the obstacles and difficulties in his path, he has achieved marked prosperity, yet has never allowed the acquisition of wealth to warp his kindly nature. He is a man of broad humanitarian principles, is very charitable in his opinions and benevolent in his giving; and in manner he is pleasant, genial and very approachable. He inspires personal friendships of unusual strength, and all who know him have the highest admiration for his good qualities of heart and mind.

PETER WILLIAMSON, numbered among the substantial citizens of Mahomet, Champaign county, is a native of Mason county, Kentucky, his birth having occurred June 12, 1837. His father, Mahlon Williamson was born near Trenton, New Jersey, July 15, 1799, and was a son of Peter Williamson, who was a native of Germany, and at an early day settled in this country, becoming the proprietor of one of the old-style taverns, this particular one being located between Trenton and New Brunswick.

Mahlon Williamson learned the miller's trade in his native state, and in early manhood went to Mason county, Kentucky, where he engaged in milling on the north fork of the Licking river until shortly before his death. He chose for a wife Margaret Stout, their marriage taking place July 25, 1822. She was born in that county, April 23, 1800, and was a daughter of Albert Stout, one of the first settlers of that section. Her death occurred January 6, 1861, and ten years later, October 9, 1871, the husband and father died while visiting one of his children at Moberly, Missouri.

Mahlon and Margaret Williamson were the parents of nine children, the eldest of whom was Zebulon S., who lived and died at the old Mason county homestead; Charity E. became the wife of John Lee, and removing to Henry county, Iowa, passed the the remainder of her life there; Thomas J. is a farmer of Randolph county, Missouri; Louisa A. is the wife of Albert Dixon, of Waverley, Missouri; Mrs. Margaret D. Morse, a widow, lives in Mahomet; Huldah S. died at Moberly; Cinderella died in childhood; and Osa married Jasper Calvert, of Mason county, Kentucky.

Peter Williamson had very little educational advantages in his youth, and for six years he worked at the milling business with his father. After his marriage he moved to Illinois, where he obtained his first experience in agriculture. For nine years he cultivated rented land and then, buying a residence in the village of Mahomet, he turned his attention to the task of moving buildings, and soon found his time fully occupied. He became an expert at the business, and has orders from all parts of this and adjoining counties. On the three-quarters of an acre of his home place he built a large modern house and made many other substantial improvements, and on another tract of five acres he erected a substantial residence which he rents. Good business foresight and enterprise have characterized all of his dealings, and to-day he is well-to-do and prosperous.

Mr. Williamson and Armena Bell were united in marriage September 18, 1860, the ceremony being performed by old Squire Shelton. She was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, a daughter of Solomon Bell, also of that state. To the union of our subject and wife four children were born, one of the number, John, dying in infancy. Charles H. is married and lives in Mahomet, and James, also married, makes his home in Chichaska, Indian Territory. Maggie Z., who received an excellent education in Mahomet and Dickson, has been engaged in teaching for the past five years in this county.

Politically, Mr. Williamson has been a stanch Democrat in national elections, while in local affairs he is independent of party lines, supporting the best man. In 1867 he joined the Odd Fellows Society at Champaign, and is a charter member of the Mahomet lodge, where he has served for several years as treasurer. In religious faith he is a Seventh Day Adventist, but attends the Baptist church with his wife, who is identified with that denomination. His record is unblemished, and to his children he will leave the heritage of an unsullied name and of duties conscientiously performed.

HENRY BURNEY SHEPHERD, a well-known farmer and stock raiser residing on section 11, Brown township, Champaign county, Illinois, five miles south of Gibson, owns and successfully operates a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres of land. Naturally energetic and of more than ordinary business capacity, he has been extremely fortunate in his labors and investments, and seems especially adapted to the business which he follows.

Mr. Shepherd was born in Adams county, Ohio, March 21, 1841, and is a son of Johnson Shepherd, a native of Brown county, that state. His grandfather, Jacob Shepherd, was born in Frankfort, Kentucky,

and was a son of Isaac Shepherd, who was born in Shepherdstown, Virginia. From his native state Jacob Shepherd moved to Brown county, Ohio, where he opened up a farm of three thousand acres. There the father of our subject grew to manhood and learned the tanner's trade with Jesse Grant, father of the General. He continued to follow that occupation for some years. He first married Malinda Livingston, and in 1833 moved to Putnam county, Illinois, where his wife died. Returning to Ohio he married Miss Mary Henry, the mother of our subject, and in the fall of 1861 again took up his residence in Putnam county, Illinois, where he made his home for about nine years. He moved to Livingston county in 1869, and spent his last years in the village of Chatsworth, where he died August 4, 1874. His wife died in 1883 and both were laid to rest in the Chatsworth cemetery.

In the county of his nativity Henry B. Shepherd passed his boyhood and youth, receiving but a limited education. In 1861 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Putnam county, Illinois, and being the youngest son he remained at home and took charge of the farm. His first purchase of land consisted of one hundred and sixty acres of wild prairie in Livingston county, which he broke, fenced and improved by planting fruit and shade trees and erecting buildings there. He laid the first tile in Chatsworth township, and continued the cultivation of his land until 1890, when he sold the place and removed to the village of Chatsworth, where he spent three years engaged in breeding and dealing in roadsters and trotting horses. Prior to this time, in 1888, he purchased his present farm on section 11, Brown township, Champaign county, but did not locate thereon until 1893, since which time he has devoted his energies to its further improvement and cultivation. He has built a large and substantial barn and good outbuildings, and expects, in 1900, to erect a more modern and commodious residence upon the place. He has planted a pear and plum orchard, besides other fruit, and now has a very valuable and productive farm, well tilled and neatly fenced.

On the 20th of March, 1866, in Livingston county, Mr. Shepherd was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Husted, who was born near Brookville, Indiana. Her father, William Husted, was a native of New Jersey and a sailor before the mast from the age of sixteen to thirty-two. On leaving the sea, he removed to Indiana, where he married and engaged in farming for some years, but later made his home in Putnam county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have seven children living: Mauriel K., who is engaged in dressmaking in Fisher; Mary A., wife of S. W. Davis, of Livingston county; Ethelyn O., Millie T., Sigmund C., Jacob H. and Bernice, all at home. They have also lost two children: Lillian, who died in infancy; and Lyle J., who died at the age of five years.

Politically Mr. Shepherd has been a stanch Republican since casting his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1868, and has served as a delegate to numerous conventions. He is a friend of education and public schools, and has been an efficient member of the school board twenty-five years, and is now president of the district. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Chatsworth, in which he has filled office, and in religious belief is a Universalist, though, with his wife, he attended the

Presbyterian church, of which she is a member. During their residence in Champaign county they have made many warm friends, and wherever known are held in high regard.

WILLIAM H. SWAYZE, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a representative farmer of Champaign county, residing on section 1, Newcomb township, one mile from Fisher, was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, June 28, 1840, and is a son of Bescherer Swayze, who was born in New Jersey, in 1812. The grandfather, James Swayze, one of the Revolutionary heroes, was also a native of New Jersey, and a representative of one of the old families of that state. About 1832 the father left his native state and removed to Wyandot county, Ohio, opening up a farm on Sandusky Plains. There he married Matilda Hunt, a native of that county and a daughter of William Hunt, who was born in Virginia and settled in Wyandot county, Ohio, at an early day in its development. After his marriage, Mr. Swayze continued the operation of his farm in the Buckeye state for a number of years, but in 1863 sold his property there and came to Champaign county, Illinois, buying a farm in East Bend township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his time and attention until called from this life in 1867. His wife survived him several years, dying in 1885. In their family were ten children, of whom four sons and four daughters reached maturity, but only two sons and two daughters are now living, namely: John, a resident of Ford county, Kansas; William H., our subject; Mrs. Nancy Rollings and Mrs. Elizabeth Matheny, both residents of Rantoul, Illinois.

In the county of his nativity William H. Swayze grew to manhood, and as his school privileges were limited he is almost wholly self-educated. He aided in the operation of the home farm until the Civil war broke out, when he responded to his country's call by enlisting, August 17, 1861, for three years or during the war, in the Eleventh Ohio Battery—an independent organization, which was assigned to the Western army and served wherever needed. He participated in the battles of Iuka, Corinth and Shiloh; was all through the Vicksburg campaign, and took part in the battles of Little Rock and Pine Bluff, remaining at the latter place until his term of enlistment expired. He was never wounded and lost no time from sickness. He was mustered out and honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, November 24, 1864.

Mr. Swayze then joined his parents in Champaign county, Illinois, whither they had removed during his absence, and he carried on the home farm until after his father's death. He and a younger brother then purchased the interest of the other heirs in the place and operated it together for a few years. After his marriage the property was divided, and he continued the cultivation and improvement of his one hundred and sixty acres until 1892, when he sold out and bought a farm of similar size on section 1, Newcomb township, where he has since made his home. He now has a fine young orchard, has built a large and substantial residence and good outbuildings, and made many other improvements which enhance the value of the place and add to its beauty.

In Champaign county, September 15, 1870, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Swayze and Miss Mary Frances McJilton, a

native of Woodford county, Illinois; and to them have been born ten children, namely: Della, now the wife of Frank Boyd, a farmer of Champaign county; Barbara, wife of Frank Allison, of Nevada, Story county, Iowa; Jay T., who is engaged in farming near Dewey; Lora, wife of John Henson, of West Baden, Indiana; Nira, Myrtle, Elizabeth, Ada, Alma and Roy, all at home.

Politically Mr. Swayze is a stanch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has served as delegate to numerous county conventions. He has filled the office of road commissioner for four terms, and has been a member of the school board thirty years, serving as district clerk nearly all of that time. He is an honored member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Fisher, in which he has passed all the chairs, and is now past grand, and he has also represented the lodge in the grand lodge of the state. He is also a prominent member and past commander of Dewey Post, G. A. R., and both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church, with which he is officially connected. He never withholds his support from any enterprise calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his township and county, and is as true to his duties of citizenship in days of peace as in time of war.

FREDERICK J. BARBER, who owns and operates a well improved farm in section 35, Mahomet township, Champaign county, is one of the wide-awake, ambitious agriculturists of this locality, and stands high in the regard of all who know him. He possesses many of the sterling traits of character of his English ancestors and the same practical views on farming and stock-raising that his father has always maintained. The latter, Benjamin Barber, now residing with our subject, was born in Norfolk, England, June, 1818. He passed his youth and early manhood in his native land, and there married Eliza Bowers. In 1853 they crossed the ocean to the United States, and at first dwelt in Ohio, whence they came to Champaign county in 1858. Buying land here, Mr. Barber energetically engaged in its cultivation and improvement until old age crept on apace.

On the old home place in this county the birth of Frederick J. Barber occurred, October 2, 1861, and when he was old enough to be of service in the general work of the farm he commenced laying the foundations of his knowledge as a practical man of affairs. His first purchase of land was in 1887, when he bought forty acres, the tract near his present homestead. Later he purchased another tract of forty acres. After spending six years or more in the cultivation and improvement of the place he sold it, and in its stead bought the quarter section of land included in his fine place in section 35, paying for this eighty-one dollars and a quarter an acre. By tiling and other improvements he has greatly increased the beauty and value of the farm, and in addition to raising the usual line of cereals and crops in general, he had raised and fed live stock to some extent. In 1881 he bought a steam thresher, and about the same time he became the owner of one of the first twine binders ever introduced into Champaign. Since then he purchased a corn sheller, and, during the season finds plenty of work to do in his neighborhood, of late years hiring a man to run the machines. A natural mechanic, Mr. Barber

does all of his blacksmithing and repairing in a small shop which he has made upon his farm, and by his systematic methods he manages to accomplish a vast amount of work. He has accumulated a large fortune for one of his age and occupation, and at the same time he has won a well deserved reputation for rectitude and fair dealing with everyone.

On Christmas Day, 1883, the marriage of F. J. Barber and Dora Wright was celebrated. Her father, Joseph Wright, was one of the early settlers of this county, and she was born in Mahomet township. Six children bless the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Barber, namely: Jesse, Orville, Bertie, Frank, Mabel and Etta.

In political matters Mr. Barber has reserved the right of independent choice, and never has attached himself to any party organization, and in local affairs he has steadily declined to enter into the political arena or to accept office. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the Mahomet lodge.

JAMES I. RICHARDSON, the proprietor of a model country home and many broad and fertile acres in Tolono township, Champaign county, has just cause for pride in the success which he has achieved by his industry and genius, within a comparatively short period of time. In every point of view he is a reliable citizen, always using his influence in the advancement of his county and community, and all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance speak of him only in the highest terms.

In tracing his history it is found that he is one of the native born sons of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Morgan county, March 13, 1854. His parents, Vincent S. and Lydia (Rawlings) Richardson, were natives of Yorkshire, England, where they were married. The father, who was born May 9, 1806, was somewhat ambitious, and believing that America offered better opportunities to a young man, crossed the ocean, and came to Illinois, with a view to making a permanent home here. He arrived in Chicago in 1830, when it consisted only a few cabins, and for a short time he worked at the business of shaving clapboards by hand, these to be used in buildings. Locating in Morgan county, he entered a quarter section of land in his own name and three hundred and twenty atres in the name of his father, John Richardson, who also desired to try his fortunes in this country. Returning to England, Vincent Richardson arranged his affairs there, and with his father and family sailed for these hospitable shores, where they arrived after a tedious journey, the entire trip from England to Morgan county consuming fifteen weeks. A hard task was before them, for their land was the wild, unbroken prairie, and for many years they fought gallantly to reduce it to cultivation, and erected buildings, planted trees and made other improvements. The father, John Richardson, died a few years after locating here, and only one of his eight children survives, Mrs. Rachel Hembrough, whose home is near Jacksonville, Morgan county. Vincent S. Richardson reared several sons to be prosperous, useful citizens, and to them he left the legacy of an umblemished record. He was a Republican in politics, and held many minor township offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. His wife departed this life in 1865, when she was in her fifty-

fifth year. At the time of his death, in 1896, he lacked but a few days of being ninety years old. He had been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church for years and had served as a trustee.

Of the nine children born to Vincent S. and Lydia Richardson, two died in infancy: John W. is a well known and prosperous farmer of Morgan county; Mary A. is the wife of Robert Riley, a farmer; William resides east of Jacksonville; Elizabeth W., deceased, was the wife of Charles Lazenby; George S. resides west of Jacksonville, in Morgan county; Vincent, Jr., is a farmer in the same county, and James I. is the gentleman of whom this sketch is penned.

He received a common-school education in his native county, and until he attained his majority aided his father in the management of the home farm. He then rented land and worked upon an independent basis for seven years, succeeding in acquiring a competency. After his marriage, in 1882, he removed to Champaign county, where he purchased his present farm on section 20, Tolono township. The land was only partially improved, and one by one Mr. Richardson supplanted the old buildings with new, modern structures. The large, handsome residence and substantial barns and cribs bespeak the character of the thrifty owner, and everything about the homestead bears out the favorable impression which the visitor has at the first glance. He makes a specialty of raising grain and live stock, and in nearly all of his transactions he has met with deserved success.

In 1879 the father of our subject visited England, and on his return he was accompanied by several of his old friends and other acquaintances. Among them was a young lady, Jane A. Wilson, daughter of William and Frances (Warriner) Wilson, both of whom are deceased. Their home was in Starborough, Yorkshire, England. James I. Richardson and Miss Wilson were married March 15, 1882. Since then she has made two trips to her native land, and since her parents' death her sister, Sarah H., has lived with her. Two of their brothers reside in England. Seven children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Grace W., Vincent S. (whose birth occurred in England, while his parents were visiting there), Alma W., Harry J., George A., and two who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Sadorus, the former being a trustee. Socially, he is identified with Sadorus Camp, No. 3302, Modern Woodmen of America. In his political faith he is a Republican. The cause of education finds in him a sincere friend, and for thirteen years he has been a school director and at present is clerk of the school board.

RICHARD JOHNSTON. In tracing the history of this highly esteemed citizen of Mahomet and honored citizen of the Civil war, one is deeply impressed with the fact that success is a matter of merit, of a wise use of opportunities, and not dependent upon external aids and influences. The prosperity which our subject enjoys has been won by diligent and long continued labor, and the obstacles to his success have been more formidable than those confronting most young men upon beginning their active career.

The birth of Richard Johnston occurred in county Fermagh, Ireland, in 1837, and until he was sixteen years of age he resided in the Emerald Isle, having but limited educational advantages. Wisely determining then to try his fortunes in America, he took passage in a ship bound for Montreal, and for two years after his arrival there he worked for farmers in Canada. In 1855 he came to Illinois, where, in 1857, he was joined by his mother, brothers John and Robert, sister Jane, now the wife of Dr. Hadden; sister Anna, wife of A. J. Ham, of Fisher, and a half brother, James Karr. John later enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment of Illinois Infantry, and died while confined in Andersonville prison. After working for S. C. Koogler, of Slott township, for several years, he rented a farm in the same township, and had made a fair start on the highway leading to success, when the imperiled position of his adopted country put to rout all personal plans and ambitions.

In August, 1862, Mr. Johnston with his brother mentioned above enrolled themselves as privates of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and soon were sent to the front. Assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, they participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Buzzards Roost and many other noted engagements. Our subject was wounded in the fight at Kennesaw Mountain, a bullet penetrating his thigh, and other shots also taking effect. He was sent to the hospital in the vicinity, and later was conveyed to the one at Chattanooga, and finally Nashville hospital No. 2. When he had partially recovered, he went home on a two months' furlough, and then reported at Nashville, where he was assigned to the veteran reserve corps, and sent to Indianapolis, in which city he was mustered out of the service, July 5th, and was honorably discharged just a week later at home. He had left his young wife and all of his business enterprises, and manfully devoted some of the best years of his life to the land of his love and devotion, and his record as a soldier is of the best.

For three or more years after his return from southern battle-fields, Mr. Johnston rented farms, after which he bought forty acres of land in Mahomet township. Here he made good improvements, and, desiring a larger farm, he later rented other property and finally sold his own place. He then invested in his present fine homestead of one hundred and thirty-two acres, located in Mahomet township. Only a few improvements had been made, but he soon reduced the place to cultivation, and in the course of time erected a substantial house and other buildings upon the place, besides planting an orchard, making fences and in numerous ways added to the value of the farm, which is a model one in every respect. In 1896, he leased the homestead and since then has been practically retired, making Mahomet his place of abode.

The marriage of Mr. Johnston and Miss Mary Mahony, a lady of Irish birth, was solemnized in Scott township, March 28, 1861. They lost two children, George T., who died at the age of five years, and Ida, who died when five months old. Five children survive their devoted mother, who was summoned to the better land, in March, 1888, and was placed to rest in the Riverside cemetery. Belle Johnston, unmarried, keeps house for her brother, Robert Grant, who is a successful farmer, now living upon the old homestead, and is the

present clerk of this township. William Ellsworth is married and resides in Mahomet. Jennie, who was one of the successful teachers of this county prior to her marriage, is the wife of Zena Keene, of Mahomet. Alice May, the youngest, is a graduate of the local school, and is very active in church work, being a member of the choir and secretary of the Epworth League. With her sisters, she is identified with the Daughters of Rebekah, and is popular in local society.

Mr. Johnston is a member of the Odd Fellows order, as are his sons, also. For twelve years or more he was quartermaster, and was commander of Scott Post, No. 464, G. A. R. He has voted for every Republican nominee for the presidency since he cast his first ballot for Lincoln in 1864, when at home upon his furlough. He was elected and served eight consecutive years as highway commissioner, was president of the board for two years and now is acting on the village board. In the Methodist Episcopal church he has been very prominent, serving as a trustee and steward, and at present is a member of the building committee.

ANTHONY SCHENK. America boasts no better, more patriotic citizens than those children of the German empire who have lived beneath the Stars and Stripes for a few years, enjoying and participating in this government "for the people, by the people," and in the case of the subject of this article this truth is plainly shown. For more than two-score years he has constantly given proofs of the love and loyalty which he gives to this, the land of his adoption, and while many ties of affection and memory bind him to his native country, he has never regretted his decision to cast in his lot with the United States.

Born October 28, 1832, in Prussia, Germany, our subject passed nineteen years of his life there, in the meantime acquiring an excellent general education in the government schools, and later mastering the trade of a molder. In 1851 he took passage at Bremen in the good ship Norman, bound for New York, and after a long, weary voyage of fifty days, during which time some severe storms were encountered and a collision with another ship was narrowly averted, he arrived at his destination November 10, 1851, and proceeded up the Hudson river to Albany, where he had some German friends. There he found plenty of work at his trade, as he thoroughly understood the business, and being ambtious to succeed, he commenced attending a night school, thereby gaining knowledge of the English language faster than he could have done otherwise.

In 1854 Mr. Schenk went to St. Louis, where he was employed at his trade for three years. In 1857 he came to Champaign county, and with the earnings which he had carefully husbanded bought a quarter-section of land in Brown township. This property belonged to the Illinois Central Railway, and was in a state of nature, entirely unimproved. He thus had a great undertaking before him, but with the patience and perseverance which are characteristic of his countrymen, he never faltered, and in the course of a few years the results of his well applied energy were apparent upon every hand. The wild prairie had been made to "blossom like the rose," and comfortable buildings sheltered his live stock. Many improvements were instituted by him at different times and the homestead constantly increased in value

under his wise management. Buying additional land after a period, he thus increased the boundaries of his farm to two hundred and forty acres, and by the proper use of ditches and tiling he has reduced the entire proderty to cultivation.

On the 2nd of May, 1858, Mr. Schenk wedded Mary, daughter of Christian Freehauf, natives of Prussia, Germany. Mrs. Schenk was eight years old when she came to this country, and with her father she dwelt first in Peoria county, Illinois, thence removed to McLean county, and finally settled in Champaign county. She has nobly borne her shore of the burdens incident to pioneer life, and has been an important factor in her husband's success, as he cheerfully acknowledges. Of their fourteen children, four died in infancy. Emma, wife of George Hayes, resides in Carroll county, Iowa. Louise, wife of Frank Barrett, lives in Audubon county, Iowa. Clara, unmarried and now at home, has been one of the successful teachers of this county for eleven years, and three of her sisters also were teachers in former years. Catherine, married Charles Steele, of Wapello county, Iowa. Adolp, now a resident of Bloomington, Illinois, is married. Minnie is the wife of Charles Fairfield, and lives on our subject's home farm. Ella is the wife of Allen Fairfield, of Fisher. Cleveland H. is the youngest of the family. Miss Clara is identified with the Methodist Episcopel church, while Mr. and Mrs. Schenk are members of the Christian church.

In 1860 our subject cast his first presidential ballot for Stephen A. Douglas, at the first election held in Brown township, and from that time to the present he has used his ballot in favor of the nominees of the Democratic party. For fifteen years he served as treasurer of the school board in his district, and aquitted himself of his responsibilities with good judgment and absolute fidelity to the great trust reposed in him. He also was one of the first trustees of his township and in that capacity, as well as in that of supervisor, was zealous in the promotion of the welfare of his district.

DAVID RICE. In the pioneer epoch of of this section of Illinois David Rice came to the Prairie state and has been an important factor in the substantial development and permanent improvement of Champaign county. He has seen the wild lands transformed into fine farms, while industrial and commercial interests have been introduced and thus towns have become thriving cities. In the work of progress he has borne his part and has been particularly active as a representative of the agricultural interests of the community. For many years he was successfully engaged in farming in Sadorus township, but now makes his home in the the village of Sadorus, where he is numbered among the leading business men—a well-known and prosperous stock buyer and lumber dealer.

Mr. Rice was born in West Virginia, April 7, 1836, and is the eldest son of Shelton and Elizabeth (Brown) Rice, who were born, reared and married in the Old Dominion. His paternal grandfather was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, serving for five years and nine months in that struggle for American independence. By occupation the father of our subject was a farmer and successfully followed that pursuit in his native state for a number of years. There his wife died in 1854, and in February, of the same year he came to Campaign

county, Illinois, purchasing a farm in Sadorus township, where he reared his family. After enduring all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life, he passed away at his home in Sadorus township, in 1863, honored and respected by all who knew him. He made many improvements upon his farm and had just completed a new residence at the time of his death. Of his eight children, four died in infancy, and the others are as follows: David, the subject of this sketch; Arthur, a farmer of Urbana township; Sarah, wife of John Rollings, a farmer of Cherokee county, Kansas, and Martha, wife of G. W. Harrison, a prosperous farmer and fruit raiser of California.

The limited education which our subject acquired during his boyhood was secured by six months, attendance at the common schools of his native state. Being the eldest son he had to assist his father in the work of the farm, receiving in that way a good practical knowledge which has been of great benefit to him in later years. In 1854 he came with his family to Champaign county, and continued to work for his father until he attained his majority, when he rented land and began farming on his own account.

In 1859 Mr. Rice was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Haines, who was born in Coles (now Douglas) county, Illinois, in 1840. Her parents, Elijah and Matilda (McLain) Haines, were natives of Ohio and Arkansas, respectively, and came with their families to this state, being married in Danville, Vermilion county. They had seven children, of whom two died in infancy and two after reaching maturity. Those living are Sarah, wife of our subject; William M., a well-known farmer of Garrett, Douglas county, Illinois; and Eunice, wife of Jasper Rawlings, of Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice began their domestic life upon the farm which he had already secured. Two children blessed their union: (1) Eleanor M. is now the wife of F. T. Hutchinson, who is a representative young farmer living near the village of Sadorus and is one of the popular men of his township. They have three children, Nora M., David S. and Iva R. (2) Carrie M. is the wife of Dr. C. M. Craig, a successful physician and surgeon of Champaign, and they have two children, Hazel L. and Walter R.

Mr. Rice's first purchase of land consisted of ninety-five acres in prairie land in Sadorus township, which he worked hard to improve, and finally sold and a good profit. He then bought another farm, which he improved, and as he succeeded in his farming and stockraising he kept adding to his land until he became owner of seven hundred and forty acres. He has since given to each of his daughters one hundred and forty acres of this, but is still the owner of some valuable property in the county. Since 1858 he has engaged in the stock business, and has met with most wonderful success in that undertaking. He not only raises stock in large numbers, but buys others to feed and fatten for shipment. His land has been thoroughly tiled, and good and substantial buildings have been erected for the accommodation of his stock, as well as a comfortable and commodious residence. Orchards have been planted and the premises otherwise beautified with shrubbery and groves. Here Mr. Rice lived a very quiet life until 1891, when he purchased a home in the village of Sadorus, but he still keeps his farm stocked and receives one-half of the proceeds. Of a very energetic nature, he was not content to remain idle, and again began shipping stock

to market, being one of the oldest stock dealers in the southwestern part of the county and also on that division of the Wabash Railroad. There being a good opening for a first-class grain elevator business in Sadorus, he purchased the ground on which was standing an old mill, and after tearing it down built a modern elevator, the heavy timbers and all the frame work having been cut from his own ground and converted into the material necessary for the building. Mr. Rice had watched these trees grow from small sprouts after a fire had swept over the prairie, and before the land was broken, fenced or improved. His elevator is considered a model building of the kind, being substantially and conveniently built, and having a capacity of about eighty thousand bushels, and a twenty-horse-power engine to operate it. He only engaged in the grain business a short time, however, and then sold out to De Long Brothers, who still carry it on. He embarked in the lumber business in 1896, in partnership with W. B. O'Neal, who is also associated with him in the stock business, and as a side issue they also carry a line of undertaker's supplies.

For many years Mr. Rice has been prominently identified with the growth and welfare of the town and township of Sadorus. He with two others brought the first grain separator to the county in 1858 from Pickaway county, Ohio, and did all the threshing for farmers from Bourbon, Douglas county, to the northern part of Champaign county, at what was then called Big Grove. They threshed eighty acres of grain for a Mr. Pierce where the city of Champaign now stands, and while thus employed had to board in Urbana as there was no place to board in Champaign. They threshed three hundred and twenty acres of grain for Stewart Brothers in Somer township, and for that work Mr. Rice received two hundred dollars in gold, it being the first gold ever handled by him. At that time there were many wild animals on the prairie, and our subject has killed deer upon his own farm. He is a good conversationalist, and can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life. He has always affiliated with the Republican party, and from 1891 served two terms as supervisor of Sadorus township, being one of the two Republicans who have ever held that office. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a liberal supporter of both church and Sunday school. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman, upright and honorable in all his dealings. and has a most extensive circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

JAMES H. HUME. The mainstay of any commonwealth is the agriculturist, and the prosperity of any nation depends in a greater degree upon the products of the farm than upon all other industries and enterprises. Too many do not give due credit to the farmer, but the political economist and the deep, well read scholar know that to no other class of men does the world owe such a far-reaching debt of gratitude. America is specially fortunate in her tillers of the soil for the majority of them are industrious, energetic men, well equipped to meet the general duties of a good citizen, and it is a well known fact that our foremost statemen and representative men in every profession and position have come from the farm.

James H. Hume, of Mahomet township, is one of the leading farmers of his district and his numerous friends will take interest in reviewing his career. He was born on the Fourth of July, 1856, in Shelby county, Ohio. His father, John Hume, was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Ohio, and there married Martha Reed, whose birth had occurred in that state. He decided to settle in the west, and arrived in this vicinity the middle of May, 1858. After prospecting with a view to locating here permanently, he bought land in Mahomet township, and proceeded to improve and cultivate the property. In early manhood he had been a gunsmith, and, being a natural mechanic, he built a flour and saw mill, east of the village of Mahomet, on the Sangamon river, and for several years operated the mills, which he subsequently traded for a farm. Afterward, he went to Nebraska, where he was engaged in the construction of a mill near Juniata, Adams county, in 1874, when death put an end to his labors. His widow survives him, and now makes her home with her daughter in Weldon, Illinois.

James H. Hume's life and memories are all closely associated with Champaign county, where he grew to manhood and received his early training and education. Under his father's instruction he learned the milling business, and for seventeen years devoted his time and attention to that calling. He was careful of his earnings and investments, and in 1883 was the possesser of a good bank account. A portion of his means he then invested in a farm of one hundred and twenty acres situated in section 21, Mahomet township. Here he has built a comfortable house, substantial barns and farm buildings and fences, planted an orchard, placed tiling where necessary, and instituted various other valuable improvements. The place is kept in a neat and thrifty manner, and everything bespeaks the constant attention of the enterprising owner.

Being very popular and trusted by his neighbors, Mr. Hume is often called upon to serve the general public in some official capacity. In 1898 he was elected assessor of his township, and has made two assessments, thoroughly and systematically, as is his custom in everything which he undertakes. The cause of better schools and strictly competent teachers is one which he has deeply at heart, and for several years has served his community as a member of the school board. In national elections he uses his franchise in favor of Republican principles and nominees.

On the 3rd of March, 1880, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hume and Clarissa I. Park, a daughter of J. W. Park, one of the early settlers and a much respected citizen of Champaign county. Mrs. Hume is a native of Ohio, but passed her girlhood in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Hume are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and she is especially interested and efficient in the Sunday-school and Epworth League, at present being one of the corps of teachers and vice-president of the League. Like her husband, she is highly esteemed by all, and strives to promote the happiness of all with whom her life comes into association.

J. W. RICHMOND, of Fisher, Champaign county, needs no introduction to the people of this section of the state, as he has been actively engaged in farming and stock-raising here for many years, and has made

an enviable reputation as a keen financier and business man. The history of a successful man is always of interest to the public, and the hosts of friends of Mr. Richmond will be especially desirous of tracing his career and noting some of the features of his character as shown by the masterly way in which he overcame difficulties and wrought his own prosperity unaided by others.

To one knowing the patriotic spirit of Mr. Richmond it is no surprise to learn that he comes of the grand old Revolutionary stock, and that his greatgrand-father, Colonel Frank Richmond, was one of those heroes who laid life and fortune and all personal aims and ambitions upon the altar of his country, resolved to sacrifice everything, if necessary, for the triumph of the principles of justice and liberty in which he believed. The gallant colonel, who owned goodly estates in Virginia, his native state, won his title by long and meritorious service in Washington's army, and not until victory had lighted upon our banners did he sheath his sword. Quite as patriotic service was performed by him in his voluntary contribution of more than one thousand head of horses and cattle to the struggling young government. When peace had been proclaimed he returned to his quiet life as a country gentleman, and passed his last days upon his old plantation, secure in his dear-bought liberty. Tradition says that the city of Richmond, Virginia, was named in honor of the Richmond who first settled in the state of Virginia, the family being very prominent at that time.

Joseph, son of Colonel Richmond, was born at the old Virginia home, and having been reared in the principle that country has the first claim upon a loyal citizen it is not strange that he, too, took up the old musket which his father had carried in the Revolution, and went forth to meet the same foe in the war of 1812. Later he went to the new state of Ohio, and settled upon a tract of land in Muskingum county. He married there, and his son, Wilson, father of our subject, was born on the old homestead cleared in the midst of the forest, the date of the event being September 9, 1815. In 1830 the family removed to Illinois, where the father had been granted some land in consideration of the services he had rendered in the second war with Great Britain. This property was located in Tazewell county, and here, on the bleak prairies, swept by the keen winter winds from the great northwest, the pioneers found that they had many difficulties to meet, which had not been included in their experience hitherto. In 1831, the winter of the "big snow," as the early settlers termed it, the husband and father perished with the cold while returning home from a trip to Mackinaw, then the county seat. Thus the care of the family devolved largely upon Wilson Richmond, who was the eldest of the seven surviving children. He nobly aided his mother in the task of rearing the younger brothers and sisters, and when he felt free to establish a home for himself he wedded Mary Judy, daughter of John Judy, both natives of Ohio. Mr. Judy was a veteran of the war of 1812, and was one of the first settlers of Tazewell county. It is a pleasure to record that success blessed nearly every undertaking of Wilson Richmond, and that by honest toil and well directed energy he became wealthy and extremely influential in Tazewell county, where he is yet living, hale and happy, despite his eighty-five years. During the

Civil war he was extensively engaged in the raising of sheep, annually selling from fifteen hundred to two thousand fleeces, and, as cotton could not be cultivated in the south to any extent for several years, his product brought him a handsome income. Gradually buying real estate, he at length was the possessor of about fifteen hundred acres of fine farm land.

J. W. Richmond, whose birth occurred on his father's farm in Tazewell county, February 26, 1845, early acquired familiarity with agriculture in all its departments, and from the time that he was fifteen years of age until he left home, in 1884, he superintended his father's large homestead. At intervals he invested in land upon his own account, and owned in the neighborhood of eighteen hundred acres of fine farm property when he came to Champaign county as a permanent resident, at the time of his marriage. He has improved several farms since then and at the present time is the proprietor of about three thousand acres of land, most of this being located within the boundaries of this county, and some being situated in the best districts of Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska and Kansas.

More than a quarter of a century ago, J. W. Richmond determined to devote some attention to the matter of raising and dealing in high grade horses and cattle. In 1874 he made his first trip to Europe, and brought back some fine Percheron horses. Later he imported coach and Shire horses in large numbers and, altogether, has made five journeys to the old world, traveling through England, Germany, France, Belgium and Holland. He owns some famous blue grass pasture land along the Sangamon river, and for many years has made a business of feeding cattle for the market, selling from one hundred to one hundred and seventy head of stock each year.

Sixteen years ago Mr. Richmond and Nora Havenhill were married in New York. She was born in Monroe, Kendall county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Hiram Havenhill, a pioneer of Tazewell county, and late a resident of Kendall county, this state. Four children bless the home of our subject and wife, namely: Wilson, Lelia, Cummings and Arthur Dean.

Since becoming a citizen of Fisher, Mr. Richmond has made five additions to the town, and in numerous substantial ways has increased the prosperity of the place. He is a stanch Republican, but in no sense of the word is a politician, and has resolutely declined to hold office. In the Masonic fraternity he stands high, and has attained the Knight Templar degree, being identified with the Urbana Commandery.

ROBERT DAVIS is a worthy representative of a family which has been noted for all of the attributes of upright business men and loyal citizens for many generations. For nearly four and a half decades he has been numbered among the inhabitants of Champaign county, and few take precedence of him as a farmer and stock raiser in his own community.

His paternal grandfather, Zachariah Davis, was born in Virginia, and at an early day removed to Ohio, where he built the first brick business block ever erected in Newark, and, strange to say, it is still used for the same purposes as formerly. His son James, father of our subject, was born in the town mentioned, November 14, 1811, and there married Mary McCullum; also a

native of Ohio, for his second wife. In his early manhood he had learned the trade of a wheelwright, and in 1842 he removed to Iowa City, Iowa, where he assisted in building the first state house. At the end of two years he went to Wabash county, Indiana, and carried on a mercantile business for some years. In 1856 he came to Champaign county and settled upon a farm situated about four miles north of Mahomet township, and there he was successfully engaged in the cultivation of the place for six years. Afterwards he turned his attention to other enterprises, and lived in Mahomet for several years. He died at the home of his son Robert, December 18, 1897, when eighty-six years of age, having survived his wife about two years.

The subject of this sketch was born in Iowa City, Iowa, October 17, 1842, and when about fourteen years of age he came to this county, where he grew to manhood. After completing his education in the Danville high school, he was employed by his father, and laid the foundations for a successful business career. Having determined to devote his time and labors to agriculture, he commenced farming, and for four years carried on a place in Hensley township. Later, he located on the old Scott homestead, and two years afterwards bought two hundred and thirty acres of his present farm. But little improvement had been made, and he replaced the old house with a modern one and instituted many other changes. From time to time he bought additional land, and now owns four hundred and thirty-three acres, all in one body. He also built a house and barns for his son, on a good site on the homestead, and by planting fruit and shade trees at different points greatly increased the beauty of the place, which is justly considered one of the best in the county. He has kept a good grade of live stock, and has made a comfortable income from this line of business alone.

On the 19th of October, 1864, Mr. Davis married Elvira, daughter of Fielding L. Scott, who had settled in this township at a very early day, and had lived in Illinois from 1834 until his death, coming here from Kentucky. Mrs. Davis became the mother of five children, three of whom died in infancy, and in January, 1876, she was summoned to the silent land. Wiley Davis, the only surviving son, is married, and his four children are named, respectively, Hazel, Ralph, Floyd and Elsie. Julia Belle, the daughter, is the wife of F. E. Bryan, a merchant of Mahomet. The second marriage of Robert Davis took place September 14, 1876, when Miss Sarah G. Little became his bride. Born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, she is a daughter of Levitt and Lucy Jane (Dix) Little, both of whom were born in the east. Mrs. Davis was educated at Granville, Ohio, and for ten years was a successful teacher at Mahomet, Urbana and other places. To our subject and wife three children were born, namely: Fannie Dix, Ernest L. and J. Robert. The daughter became the wife of Leonard Rayburn, a farmer of this county, and their only child is Robert Lee.

In 1864 Robert Davis cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln, and from that day until this he has never faltered in his allegiance to the Republican party. For himself he has not sought nor desired public office, but in order to do his duty as a citizen and to meet the earnest wishes of his neighbors he acted as commissioner of highways and as a member of the school board at various times. Fraternally he is

a Master Mason, belonging to the lodge at Mahomet. Both he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church and are liberal in their gifts to religious and charitable organizations.

DOUGLAS PARNELL is ranked among the progressive and successful farmers of Mahomet township, Champaign county. From his English ancestors he undoubtedly inherited many of his eminently practical traits and ideas in regard to the management of a farm, and his business affairs are conducted in a systematic was which does him credit. He is a patriot, devoted to whatever tends to promote the public welfare, and his influence is always safely counted upon when local progress is at stake.

His father, William Parnell, was born in Devonshire, England, January 5, 1809. There he passed the happy days of his youth, receiving a liberal education for that period, but when quite young he formed the determination to come to America. In 1832 he bade adieu to his old home and friends and sailed for the new world, where he was destined to become rich and honored. For some time he made his home in Ohio, there wedding Catherine Goodman, who was of German extraction, but herself a native of New York. In 1844 the couple moved to Peoria county, Illinois, where the father improved and carried on a farm of two hundred and twenty acres. His long and useful career was brought to a close November 15, 1892, and his faithful wife had entered the silent land some six years or more previously. Of their seven children who survived to maturity and became respected heads of families, Mrs. Eliza Ann Goodner resides in Hoopstown, Illinois; William F. lives in Monon, Indiana; Frances is the wife of Thomas Lowry; Mrs. Catherine Armstrong; John, of Seymour, Illinois; Caroline, wife of William Meaker, of Peoria county, and Douglas P. completes the number.

The subject of this narrative was born upon the parental homestead in Peoria county, Illinois, December 27, 1857. He obtained such knowledge of the elementary branches of learning as he could in the country schools, and at the same time became thoroughly acquainted with farming in all its departments. His father being anxious for him to stay and carry on the homestead after he had attained his majority, the young man did so, and it was not until his marriage, in the autumn of 1883, that he entered upon an independent career. A few months before he had come to Champaign county and purchased eighty acres of land, the nucleus of the present farm. A small house of but two rooms stood on the place, and soon he added a wing, and later remodeled it, making a comfortable residence. He has good barns and other farm buildings, well kept orchards and berry patches, and beautiful shade trees add greatly to the charm of the homestead. Having bought an eighty-acre tract of adjoining land, our subject now owns a quarter section, situated in one body and divided into fields of convenient size. One of the features of his financial success is the active part he has taken in the raising of high grade horses and Jersey, Holstein and Polled Angus cattle. He also feeds stock for the market, and derives a large share of his income from this source.

The marriage of Mr. Parnell and Mary Schaad, daughter of Jacob Schaad, took

place in Peoria county, September 20, 1883. She was born in Illinois, while her father was a native of Germany, and is numbered among the pioneers of Peoria county. Five children bless the home of our subject and wife, namely: Clara Estella, William J., Lena Viola, Bertha C. and James E.

Since he attained the right of franchise, Mr. Parnell has used his ballot in behalf of the nominees of the Democratic party. He is a firm believer in temperance, and in local elections he has voted for Prohibition men and measures. He has not sought nor desired public office for himself, but is a great worker for his friends who happen to be candidates. For the past two years he has been one of the directors of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, and socially, he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He possesses the confidence and sincere regard of all who know him, and his friends are legion.

JAMES HARVEY LEE. It is now fifty years since the family to which this well-known citizen belongs became identified with Champaign county, and its various members have won for the name an enviable distinction by their intelligence and worthiness. They have also aided in the wonderful growth and development of the county and have been important factors in its prosperiry. Our subject, who is counted among the leading agriculturists of Pesotum township, his home being on section 15, displays in a marked degree the admirable characteristics which the name of the family suggests.

Mr. Lee was born on the 3d of February, 1847, in Pulaski county, Kentucky, of which his parents, Squire and Elizabeth A. (James) Lee, were also natives, the former born in 1820, the latter in 1821. The mother was a daughter of Rev. J. M. James and a sister of John James, both Baptist ministers of renown. The latter has preached in Sadorus. Squire Lee grew to manhood in his native state and received but a limited education in early life. In 1847 he removed with his family to Mercer county, Kentucky, and three years later came to Illinois, first settling in Douglas county. In 1853 he came to Champaign county and took up his residence south of Sadorus Grove. He was the first settler in that locality to locate on the prairie instead of in the timber. Being of a practical mind he thought the wealth laid in the soil and not in the woods. After erecting a log cabin for the accommodation of his family, he began to break his land and soon had acre after acre under the plow. Meeting with success on his prairie farm, his example was soon followed by others. He purchased and improved four hundred and eighty acres of land. He first set out over one hundred apple trees, which were destroyed by some of his enemies, but later he put out six hundred and fifty more, his being the first attempt to plant fruit bearing trees in his part of the county. In all his undertakings he met with excellent success, and to his original purchase he added one hundred and sixty acres of improved land. At the time of his death he had about seven hundred acres of land all under excellent cultivation and well improved. On first coming to the state he hauled ties to where Tuscola is now located for the Illinois Central Railroad, then under construction. Beginning life here without capital, his possessions were all acquired by

his own perseverance, industry and good management, and for the success that he achieved he deserved great credit. He was always hale and hearty, possessing a strong constitution. He was a Democrat in politics and in his day a prominent and ardent worker for his party. His brother Noah came to this county but remained here only a short time.

The parents of our subject were married in 1841, and seven children blessed their union, namely: Martha J., born in 1842, is the wife of A. P. Gregory, a farmer of Kansas; Mary A., born in November, 1843, is the wife of Arthur Rice, Champaign township, this county; George W., born August 8, 1845, is a carpenter and builder of Champaign; James H., our subject, is next in order of birth; Henry, born February 27, 1850, lives near the old homestead in Pesotum township; Noah, born May 27, 1853, died in 1890, leaving a wife and two children, now residents of Champaign; and Sarah E., born in 1857, married Thomas Adair, and died in 1890, leaving one son, Howard. She was the first white child born in Pesotum township. The father of this family died March 21, 1885, and the mother passed away August 3, 1896.

Reared to manhood upon the home farm, James H. Lee attended the local schools during the winter months until twenty-one years of age, while he aided in the labors of the field through the summer seaon. He began his education in a primitive log school house built in the woods. It had no desks and the benches were made of rough hewn logs. His teacher was his uncle, Henry James. The family lived in true pioneer style, and our subject was eight years of age when he became the proud possessor of his first pair of shoes. On reaching his majority his father paid him wages for a year.

In 1869, Mr. Lee was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Cook, who was born in Rush county, Indiana, March 8, 1853, and was a daughter of Eli and Emily (Shupp) Cook, the former also a native of Rush county, Indiana, the latter of Ohio. The father, who was one of the early settlers of this county, kept the section house at Cherry Grove, now Ivesdale, for four years before the Civil war, but in 1862 he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died in hospital from disease contracted in the service, being buried at Nashville, Tennessee. His wife died in 1873. In their family were six children, of whom one died in infancy. The others were as follows: Mary A., wife of our subject, is the oldest; Martha J., born December 12, 1856, is now the widow of Benjamin E. Harrison, of Sadorus township; Olive F., born August 27, 1858, is the wife of J. Walker, of Kansas City, Kansas; Flora A., born May 26, 1860, married George Watson, and died in Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1886; Charles E., born May 28, 1862, died in Wellington, Kansas, in 1884.

Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee one died in infancy; Cora O., born March 31, 1870, is now the wife of Walter Coleman, and they have two children, Earl and Edith; Lillian A., born January 11, 1872, is the widow of S. Finch, by whom she had one daughter, Mildred, and they live in Mattoon, Illinois; Myrtle A., born November 10, 1873, is the wife of William L. Roy, a farmer of Pesotum township, and they have one son, Walter D.; Arthur C., born November 16, 1876, is a teacher of

short hand and type writing in the Champaign Business College; Robert R., born November 5, 1879, is a graduate of that business college and now has charge of the home farm, being a practical agriculturist; Herbert C., born January 21, 1883; Jessie E., born May 1, 1886; Ralph W., born August 26, 1888, and Ruby Fern, born December 10, 1894, are all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Lee rented land from his father for some time and operated the same with varied success. In 1872 he moved to Indiana, where he raised two crops snd also operated threshing machine for two years, but concluding that Illinois was good enough for him, he returned to Champaign county in 1875 and rented a farm which he successfully conducted for some time. In 1880 he purchased of his father his present farm in Pesotum township, and since it came into his possession has thoroughly tiled the land, and in place of the rude house and barn has erected good modern buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. In 1877 he began working at the carpenter's trade, and has since done a good business as a contractor and builder, erecting nearly all the buildings put up in Pesotum township in that time, as well as doing considerable work throughout this county and in Douglas county. He is a man of more than ordinary ability and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Politically he is identified with the Prohibition party, and fraternally he affiliated with the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 1617, of Pesotum, of which he is one of the board of managers. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was formerly a trustee, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

MILTON BABB, deceased, was for several years one of the prominent farmers and wealthy citizens of Ogden township, Champaign county. He was actively identified with the early development of the community, and never withheld his support from any enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit. He departed this life January 8, 1869, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its most valued and useful citizens.

Mr. Babb was born November 10, 1826, in what was then Hardy county, Virginia, but is now Grant county, West Virginia. His great-grandfather, John Babb, emigrated from Germany to America, and arrived in this country about 1750, possibly September 22, 1752, landing at Philadelphia from the ship Brothers. He located at Easton, Pennsylvania. In his family were four children, namely: Abraham; John; Peter, grandfather of our subject; and Letitia, wife of Peter Thrie. Among his descendants are Hon. Washington Irving Babb, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Clement E. Babb, D. D., of San Jose, California; and Hon. E. S. Huston, of Burlington, Iowa. Peter Babb, grandfather of our subject, moved to Virginia, where he made his home throughout life. He married a Miss Weaver, and to them were born the following children: John; Peter, Jr., father of our subject; Daniel; William; Samuel; Levi; Letitia, wife of Samuel Fry, of Newark, Ohio; and Catherine. Of this family Peter Babb, Jr., married Phœbe Scott, and their children were Rebecca Catherine, wife of Okey Johnson; James P.; Sarah Ann, wife of Thomas R. Carskadon; Jane, wife of Henry Suit; Milton; Daniel; and Obed.

In early life Milton Babb worked upon the home farm and clerked in a store at



MILTON BABB.

Moorefield, Hardy county, West Virginia. About 1852 he came to Illinois and after stopping for a time with John J. Scott, a relative who owned the Pilot Grove farm in Vermilion county, he came to Champaign county and purchased a farm in Ogden township, where he successfully engaged in farming and stock raising until his death, at which time he owned eleven hundred acres of land under a high state of cultivation and well improved.

On the 17th of December, 1857, Mr. Babb was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Littler, a daughter of Edwin and Margaret (Start) Littler, of Vermilion county, Illinois. By this union were born four children, namely: Edwin P., who is engaged in farming upon the place left by his father; Mary Alice Jane, who married George W. Helm and died February 12, 1880; James E., a successful and prominent attorney, who was engaged in practice in Chicago from 1884 to 1892, and since then in Lewiston, Idaho; and Charles D., who is engaged in the real estate, loan and banking business in Homer, this county. After the death of Mr. Babb, his widow made her home in Homer, where she is still living.

Mr. Babb and his wife are both active and faithful members of the Methodist church. Although reared in a slave state he was opposed to the institution of slavery, and was a stanch supporter of first the Whig and later the Republican party. He was strictly a business man, practical, industrious and enterprising, and to these characteristics may be attributed his success in life. In his dealings he was upright and honorable, and he always took an active interest in public affairs. When young he made a study of the biographies of our great statesmen and the sermons of noted divines, and though death claimed him at a comparatively early age, it found his affairs, both temporal and spiritual, in perfect order.

WILLIAM J. GILMORE, an energetic, progressive and successful agriculturist of Champaign county, owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 16, Newcomb township, pleasantly located four miles southwest of Fisher. The neat and thrifty appearance of the place testifies to his careful supervision and shows conclusively that he thoroughly understands the occupation which he has chosen as a life work.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Gilmore was born in Licking county, August 15, 1862. His father, George W. Gilmore, was born in Preston county, West Virginia, July 4, 1830, and was a son of Peter and Sarah (Wiles) Gilmore, also natives of that county, and the latter of German parentage. In his native state George W. Gilmore was married, October 8, 1861, to Miss Hannah J. Holland, who was born and reared in Monongalia county, West Virginia. Her parents, Reason and Lah (Way) Holland, removed from that state to Pennsylvania, and later to Licking county, Ohio. In February, 1862, Mr. Gilmore also took up his residence in Licking county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming for a few years. In the fall of 1862 he was drafted and joined Company C, Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served eleven months, participating in the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Arkansas Post and other minor engagements. While in Mississippi he received a sunstroke and later was discharged on account of disability. Return-

ing to Licking county, Ohio, he engaged in farming there until the spring of 1876, when he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and bought two hundred acres of land in Newcomb township, which he subsequently transformed into a good farm, becoming one of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of the county. He finally rented his land and bought nice residence property in Fisher, where he lived retired until called from this life, June 2, 1898. During their residence in Ohio he and his wife held membership in the Baptist church, but on coming to this county united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Shiloh, and on their removal to Fisher transferred their membership to the Methodist church there. Mr. Gilmore was widely and favorably known throughout the county, being a man of unblemished character and sterling worth. His wife survives him and continues to make her home in Fisher. To them were born six children, of whom our subject is the oldest; Zela, the next in order of birth, is the wife of D. D. Hinton, a farmer of Newcomb township; Belle is the wife of R. J. Myers; F. W. and C. H. are both farmers of Newcomb township; and O. I. is studying pharmacy.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and upon the home farm he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the common schools of the locality. He assisted in the operation of the farm and continued to carry it on for some years. His first purchase consisted of eighty acres adjoining the home place; later he bought forty acres across the road, and still later another eighty-acre tract, making two hundred acres in all. He has made many improvements upon the place in the way of tiling, fencing, and the erection of good and substantial buildings, and now has a most desirable and attractive-looking farm.

In Le Roy, McLean county, Illinois, Mr. Gilmore was married, September 14, 1895, to Miss Ella M. Morris, a native of that place, and a daughter of A. H. Morris, a business man of Le Roy. By this union has been born one child, Lucile. Since casting his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland, Mr. Gilmore has been a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, but has never sought political honors. He is now serving as school trustee. His wife is a member of the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church, and he attends church with her and contributes to its support. As a business man he is prompt and notably reliable, and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own industry, perseverance and good management.

WILLIAM B. LYONS. One of the most enterprising agriculturists of Mahomet township, Champaign county, is the gentleman of whom the following lines are penned. He is one of the native sons of this township, his birth having occurred here September 21, 1858, and his entire life has been intimately connected with the development of this locality.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, William D. Lyons, was born and grew to maturity in Maryland, whence he emigrated to Kentucky at an early period. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a true patriot in times of peace and war alike. About 1851 he removed from the Blue Grass state to Champaign county, and buying a farm in Mahomet township, spent his

last years here. Samuel Lyons, one of his children, and the father of William B., was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, April 10, 1831, and passed two decades of his life in that beautiful section of the Union. In 1851 he came to Illinois with the rest of the family, and at the death of his father inherited a portion of the estate. He bought other land and made a fine farm, one of best in the community. He enjoyed the respect of his neighbors and all who had dealings with him, and reared his children to be good and useful citizens. His wife, formerly Martha Newell, he married in 1857 in this county, whither her father, William Newell, had come to dwell many years before. She was born in Geauga county, Ohio, and received much of her education there prior to her arrival in this state. She survived her husband, who died August 2, 1888, and since that time has lived with her eldest son, our subject, Another son, Wyman, died when he was ten years old, and Dwight Lyons, now of Urbana, is in the employ of the Big Four Railroad Company. The only daughter, Laura, is the wife of M. O. Stover, who is a successful farmer of this township.

The record of the life of William B. Lyons presents no startling occurrences, and, in fact, it has outwardly flowed in very quiet, even channels. His boyhood was that of the usual farmer's lad, and from the time that he was old enough to be of any service in the management of the homestead he commenced performing a share of the labors which fell to his father. He attended the district schools, of course, and without difficulty mastered their limited curriculum. After his father's death the estate was divided, and for ten years he cultivated the portion which came to him. He made material improvements upon the place, and by tiling and ditching the low-lying ground, every acre was reduced to cultivation. In 1899 he sold part of the property and bought his present fine place, with his residence in section 9, about two miles from the village of Mahomet. The farm comprises three hundred and thirty acres, all of which is fertile and very productive, yielding a harvest of golden ducats to the owner each year. He found it advisable to erect larger barns, and has all facilities for handling his crops.

As may be justly inferred, Mr. Lyons, in the multiplicity of his business interests, has had little time to devote to outside matters, yet he retains a loyal concern in whatever affects his community, state and country. Politically he is a Democrat and cast his first presidential ballot for Grover Cleveland. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows Order, belonging to the Mahomet Lodge. His mother, who keeps house for him, is an earnest member of the Baptist church of Mahomet. Both are contributors to benevolences and to the worthy poor, and their names are honored in many a household where their timely help has brought comfort and cheer.

ABRAHAM P. MEHARRY, residing on section 5, Crittenden township, is one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Champaign county. Many of the leading enterprises and business interests of the community bear the impress of his individuality and owe not a little of their success to his ability and capable powers of management. His great determination and energy have enabled him to overcome all

difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward to prosperity. He is known among his fellow citizens for his reliability in all trade transactions and justly merits their confidence and regard.

Mr. Meharry was born near Wingate, Montgomery county, Indiana, February 16, 1842, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. In 1644, during the reign of Queen Mary, his ancestors were driven from Scotland on account of their religious opinions and sought homes in Ireland. His grandfather, Alexander Meharry, was born in the latter county, and there he was married in 1794. The following year he and his wife took passage on a sailing vessel, and after a tedious voyage of thirteen weeks landed in New York, whence they proceeded to Philadelphia, and afterward lived for a short time in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and in Connellsville, Fayette county, the same state. In 1798 the grandfather fitted out a houseboat and floated down the Ohio river to the site of Manchester, Adams county, Ohio, where he landed. He purchased a tract of land at the fork of Eagle creek and spent several years in the struggles of pioneer life. While returning from a camp meeting he was killed by a falling tree, June 21, 1813. His widow was left with eight children, namely: Hugh, Thomas, James, Mary, Jesse, David, Samuel and Alexander. She did a noble part by them, remaining on the homestead and keeping them together until they were able to take care of themselves. She died in 1844.

Thomas Meharry, the father of our subject, was born in Adams county, Ohio, in 1799, and throughout his active business life followed the occupation of a farmer, but for ten years before his death lived retired. He was of a retiring disposition and took no active part in public affairs. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a Republican in politics from the organization of that party. In December, 1827, in Brown county, Ohio, he married Miss Emily Patton, who was born in that county in 1802. Their children were Jane P., now the widow of Eli H. Dick, and a resident of Philo, this county; William, a resident of Tolono, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Ellen, wife of John S. Martin, a retired farmer living near Newtown, Indiana; Jesse, also a retired farmer of Tolono, who is represented elsewhere in this work; Polly A., deceased wife of A. C. McCorkle, a farmer of Tippecanoe county, Indiana; Abraham P., our subject; Isaac N., who is living on the old homestead in Montgomery county, Indiana.

Our subject was reared on the home farm and educated in the public schools and the Wesley Academy near Crawfordsville, Indiana. In 1866, at the age of twenty-four, he came to Philo township, Champaign county, Illinois, joining his brothers, William and Jesse. They took possession of the land purchased by their father, who owned four sections in this county, one in McLean county, and a half section in Shelby county, Illinois. During the first year of his residence here our subject engaged alone in the stock business, and then became associated with his brother Jesse in farming and stock dealing on a large scale, feeding and handling several hundred head of stock annually.

Mr. Meharry made his home with his brother Jesse until his marriage, which was celebrated June 3, 1879, Miss Martha McMillin becoming his wife. She was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, November 23, 1846, a daughter of John King and Sarah

(Stafford) McMillin. Her ancestors were also of Scotch-Irish descent. Her great-grandfather, Hugh McMillin, emigrated from Scotland to America and settled in Raleigh, North Carolina, but afterward moved to Spartansburg, South Carolina, where the grandfather, Andrew McMillin, was born. He had eight children, the others being Andrew, Robert, Hugh, William, Anna, Mary, and two daughters whose names are unknown, and who married men by the name of McClure. Near King's Cove, Tazewell county, Virginia, Andrew McMillin married Nancy King, a daughter of James King, and one of a family of four children, the others being Elijah, Isaac and John. Her paternal grandfather emigrated from England just before the Revolutionary war and settled near King's Cove. He is supposed to have been killed by the Indians. After his marriage Andrew McMillin located on a farm near Pucklet river, in Spartansburg county, South Carolina, where he lived for a number of years, but finally returned to Virginia, and later moved to Claiborne county, Tennessee, locating at the head of Oldtown creek, ten miles west of Cumberland Gap. After a residence there of seven or eight years, they returned to Virginia, where the family continued to make their home until 1830, but in the meantime Andrew McMillin died in South Carolina. In the fall of 1830 his widow and children moved to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where, with a capital of only fifty dollars, they assumed the trials of pioneer life and the labors of clearing a farm in a heavily timbered tract. This farm, consisting of two hundred and eighty acres, is now known as the Sayers place. There Mrs. McMillin's death occurred. Her children were Jane, who married John Montgomery, and died near Sugar Grove, Tippecanoe county; Martha, wife of Robert Sayers, of Wheeler's Grove; Nancy Ann, who married Richard Belcher, and died in Trenton, Missouri; Robert, who died at Shawnee Mound, Tippecanoe county, Indiana; Pinckney, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who went to California as a missionary in 1849, and died there; Mary, who wedded Eli Hicks, and died in Missouri; Elizabeth, who married James Kirkpatrick, and died in Iowa; and John King, father of Mrs. Meharry.

John King McMillin was born near King's Cove, Tazewell county, Virginia, September 27, 1807, and early developed traits of strong character that marked his after life. He procured mainly by his own efforts an education sufficient to enable him to teach school. He subsequently purchased two hundred acres of land one-half mile north of Sugar Grove, Tippecanoe county, Indiana, which became his permanent home and the nucleus of an extensive tract of two thousand acres. In early life he did a large business in buying, feeding and handling stock, which he drove to Chicago, as it was before railroads were established. He was married, January 16, 1838, to Sarah Ann Stafford, a native of Highland county, Ohio, and a daughter of James and Sarah (Mickle) Stafford. By this union were born eight children: Nancy A., who married John Lofland and died in Crawfordsville, Indiana; Susan M., who died at the age of nineteen years; Mary Z., who died in childhood; Martha J., wife of our subject; Sarah E., wife of Frank A. Insley, of Portland, Oregon; William B., a Methodist Episcopal minister of Los Angeles, California; John S., a resident of Roche Harbor, Washington; and Adda E., wife of

Barney Simison, of LaFayette, Indiana. The father of these children was a man of splendid physique, being over six feet in height. He was born under the institution of slavery, but in early life learned to hate it. In his business and church relations he was a man of considerable prominence in his county and state. Though averse to public positions, he filled the office of commissioner of Tippecanoe county for two terms, and his public service was marked with the same integrity and honor which distinguished his private life. In 1878, after his children were all grown and established in homes of their own, he retired from the farm to LaFayette, where for several years he spent a quiet and peaceful life. His wife died February 23, 1885, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Meharry, and he afterwards found a welcome home with his children. He, too, died at the home of Mrs. Meharry, November 10, 1896, when in his ninetieth year. In speaking of his life, one who knew him well wrote: "John K. McMillin was one of the men of Tippecanoe county whose lives have stamped for generations to come a strong approval upon industry, honor, integrity, charity, parental affection, observance of moral and civil laws. These men have left rich heritages to their children. They were a noble class, and their departure is an occasion for sadness and also for inspiration."

After his marriage Mr. Meharry commenced housekeeping on his farm in a modest little abode, sixteen by twenty-four feet, and one and a half stories in height, which stood on the east side of the creek, near the northeast corner of section 5, Crittenden township, where he owns six hundred and forty acres. At that time his farm was mostly under cultivation and leased to tenants. In addition to this he owns one hundred and sixty acres in this township. He afterward enlarged and remodeled his residence, and it continued to be his home for a number of years. There two children were born to our subject and his wife, but the older, a son, died in infancy. The younger is Charles L., born March 11, 1885.

Since first locating upon his farm, Mr. Meharry has given his personal attention to his extensive farming interests. He made stock rasing, feeding and dealing an important part of his business until 1892, when he leased his land and has since devoted his time to looking after his property. For several years he was interested to a considerable extent in the breeding of thoroughbred polled Angus cattle, commencing with two imported animals, but when he discontinued the business he had a fine herd of about fifty. Besides his large farm in Crittenden township he owns a section of land in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, a portion of the McMillin estate having added by purchase the shares of several of the heirs to that of Mrs. Meharry. In 1888 Mr. Meharry erected his present elegant residence at a cost of twelve thousand dollars, being one of the most expensive and best appointed among the many fine rural homes of Champaign county. It is palatial in its arrangements and furnishings, and possesses all the conveniences and comforts of a modern city residence. It is pleasantly located on a gentle eminence, surrounded by spacious and well-kept lawns, and in its artistic appointments indicates the culture and refinement of the inmates. Mr. Meharry has certainly demonstrated beyond the possibility of a doubt that it is not necessary to move to a city to enjoy a comfortable and luxurious home, as well as the propriety

of receiving during life some of the benefits which ought to accompany a competence.

In public affairs he has ever been interested in the advancement and improvement of his locality. Although his time and attention have been principally devoted to agricultural pursuits, he has assisted in the organization of some of the commercial enterprises of the locality. In 1896 he was one of the founders and still owns a third interest in the Mattoon Ice & Cold Storage Company of Mattoon. To his own personal efforts and influence the community is indebted for the establishment of the first free rural delivery route in this county. This he secured in the fall of 1899, giving a free delivery to Crittenden township, which has no postoffice within its boundaries, and some of its citizens live seven miles from the nearest postoffice. In politics Mr. Meharry is a zealous Republican and earnest worker for the interests of his party. He has served as a delegate to various county, state and congressional conventions, but has always declined office. He takes an active interest in educational matters, however, and has served on the school board during most of his residence here. He and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Tolono, in which he has served as steward for many years. In the erection of the new Methodist Episcopal church Mr. Meharry took a prominent and active part.

ARTHUR BABB. Among the agriculturists of this county who have attained success from a financial point of view is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is one of the most progressive and energetic farmers and stock raisers of Condit township, his home being on section 12, and is a complete master of the calling which he is following. His sterling integrity and honorable, upright manhood, fully entitle him to the position which he holds in the estimation of the people of the community.

Mr. Babb was born June 3, 1862, in Staffordshire, England, of which shire his parents, Charles and Eleanor (Bunting) Babb, were also natives. After following farming there for some years, the father, in 1870, emigrated to America with his family, and on landing in this country came at once to Champaign, Illinois, where he joined some English friends. For some time he worked by the day or month at anything he could find to do, and then rented land in Rantoul township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he bought eighty acres in that township, to which he later added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres of well improved land near the village of Rantoul, all of which has been acquired through his own well directed labors. He is one of the most successful farmers, stock raisers and dealers in this part of the county, and is widely and favorably known. He lost his first wife in in 1896, and he later married again.

Arthur Babb was quite small on the emigration of the family to the United States, and in this county he grew to manhood, his education being obtained in its district schools. He helped carry on the home farm until twenty-three years of age, and thus acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He was married in Rantoul township, August 27, 1885, to Miss Alice Merchant, a daughter of George and Martha (Crane) Merchant. She was born in Fulton

county, Illinois, but was principally reared in Champaign county. Our subject and his wife have two daughters, Jessie and Florence, who are students in the home school.

After his marriage, Mr. Babb rented a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Rantoul township for one year, and for the following five years operated a two-hundred-acre farm in Condit township, which he rented. During that period he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, Condit township, upon which he located in 1892 and which has since been his home. He has made many improvements upon the place in the way of buildings, has set out an orchard, and tiled and fenced the land, transforming it into a fine farm. Besides his property he owns a well-improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Rantoul township. Though he commenced life for himself in limited circumstances, he has by his own labor, enterprise and good management acquired a competence, and is now numbered among the well-to-do men of his community. He has been a member of the school board in his district, but has never cared for political honors, desiring rather to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. In his political views he is a stanch Republican. His estimable wife holds membership in the Christian church.

JOSEPH H. RITTENHOUSE, a progressive agriculturist who, own and operates a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres of land on section 7, Hensley township, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 30, 1844, and is a son of John and Sarah J. (Veatch) Rittenhouse, the former also a native of Ohio, the latter of Maryland. His paternal grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812. In early life the father learned the tanner's trade which he followed for several years, but later turned his attention to farming and stock raising. While a resident of Ohio, before the railroads were built, he used to drive his stock to Wheeling, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Louisville and other markets. It was in 1858 that he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and purchased a farm in Hensley township, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He always took an active interest in politics, was a Henry Clay Whig, and a strong opposer of slavery. On the formation of the Republican party in 1856 he adopted its principles, and ever afterwards supported its candidates. He never aspired to office, his time being devoted to his farming operations and home relations. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school; was a deacon and trustee for many years; was a licensed exhorter, and a leader in the Mt. Vernon church of Hensley township for several years. He departed this life December 25, 1873, aged sixty-three years, his estimable wife passed away November, 1864, aged fifty-four years. She was a true and faithful wife and mother, and an active worker in both church and Sunday school.

To this worthy couple were born fifteen children, of whom four died in early childhood, while the eleven who reached man and womanhood were John F., Sarah J., Hezekiah V., Lena, William, Edna, David, Leathy A., Joseph H., J. S. and Charles E. All of the daughters are now deceased; Charles E. is a resident of Cambridge, Ohio; William, of Bainbridge, Ohio; David, of Champaign, Illinois; and J. S., of Peoria,

this state. Five of the sons were numbered among the boys in blue of the Civil war and valiantly fought for the old flag and the cause it represented. William and Hezekiah V. enlisted in the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but after serving for a few months William was discharged on account of disability, though he later enlisted in another regiment and served for one year. Hezekiah was in active service from 1862 until hostilities ceased. He was under the comnad of General Roseranz and participated in the battle of Murfreesboro and several other engagements, but was never wounded or off duty for a single day. Levi was a member of the Tenth Kansas Regiment, which was assigned to the Western Division of the army and was stationed on the frontier. J. S. enlisted in 1863, at the age of fifteen years, in the Seventy-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was later changed to the Mounted Infantry. He was under the command of General Burnside and saw some hard service, taking part in the battles of Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and others. Our subject was also in the service, enlisting in 1862 in the Company H, Seventy-first Illinois Infantry, and did garrison duty for three months.

Joseph E. Rittenhouse was about fourteen years of age when with his parents he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and in Hensley township he grew to manhood, early acquiring an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits and obtaining a good practical education in the schools. After laying aside his text books he worked for his father until attaining his majority and then started out in life for himself as a farmer. In 1872 he located on the farm which has since been his home, and in its operation has met with marked success. It is under a high state of cultivation and well improved, in fact is one of the most desirable farms of its size in the township.

In 1865 Mr. Rittenhouse married Miss Mary Richards, a daughter of John Wesley and Drusilla (McCabe) Richards, natives of Kentucky and Ohio respectively. The father died in Sacramento, California, in 1850, at the age of forty years, and later the mother married S. Osborne, of Mahomet, this county. She died in 1874 at the age of fifty-eight years. There were six children born of the first marriage: George M., now a printer of Warsaw, Missouri; David, who was killed in the battle of Missionary Ridge during the ivil war; Mary, wife of Cour subject; John Wesley, a resident of Cole Camp, Benton county, Missouri; William, a printer and farmer of Clark county, Illinois; and Eliza M., deceased wife of Theodore Funk. The family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse have been born five children, namely: Arthur, at home with his parents; Addie, wife of D. S. Herriott, a farmer of Condit township, this county; John R., who married Ida Stoudt, and is engaged in farming in Mahomet township, this county; Levi W., who married Mary Betz and lives on the homestead with his parents; and Kate, wife of Charles S. Herriott, a farmer of Hensley township.

Fraternally Mr. Rittenhouse is a member of Ephraim Scott Post, No. 464, G. A. R., of Mahomet. He takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and has most creditably and acceptably filled the offices of school director for several terms and assessor nine years.

MYRON E. NELSON. Among the progressive and enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Condit township none stand higher in public esteem than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He has been a resident of the county since January, 1862, and now makes his home on section 23, Condit township, where he owns a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He also has another farm of eighty acres on section 26, and an undivided interest in two hundred and forty acres in the same township.

Mr. Nelson is a native of Vermont, born in Windham county, March 16, 1845, and is a son of Myron E. Nelson, Sr., who was born in Franklin county, Massachusetts, in 1821. The grandfather, Obed Nelson, was also born in the old Bay state, where the family was founded at an early day in the history of this country. The father of our subject grew to manhood in Massachusetts, and married Lucy E. Lynde, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Squire Lynde. After his marriage he engaged in the hotel business in Vermont and Massachusetts, and on coming west in 1852 opened a boarding house in Cook county, Illinois, which he conducted in connection with farming for six years. In 1862 he removed to Champaign county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of raw land on section 26, Condit township, where he opened up and improved a farm. There he died in the winter of 1885, but his wife is still living and now makes her home in Champaign.

Our subject is the oldest in a family of four sons, all of whom reached manhood, while three still survive. He was reared in Cook and Champaign county and given the advantages of a common-school education. He remained upon the home farm some two or three years after attaining his majority, and then purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Condit township, upon which he made some permanent improvements and which he operated for five years. On disposing of that place, he bought another tract of one hundred and sixty acres of new land, which he broke and improved. He built a good house, which he has since enlarged, has erected a barn and other outbuildings, put up a wind pump and stock scales, has tiled the land and planted an orchard and forest trees, all of which improvements add greatly to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He purchased eighty acres of land on section 26, Condit township, and also owns an interest in the old home farm, which he operates. To his own industry, enterprise and perseverance may be attributed his success in life, for he started out for himself empty-handed, and unaided has overcome the obstacles in his path until he is now quite well-to-do.

On the 14th of April, 1870, in this county, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage with Miss Amanda E. Hensley, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of A. P. Hensley, one of the first settlers of the county, who came to this locality from Ohio by team. Here Mrs. Nelson was reared. Our subject and his wife have four children: Archie M., who assists his father in carrying on the home farm; Lucy E., at home; Elmer P., who married Bessie Stanbus and lives in Condit township; and William, at home.

Since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1868, Mr. Nelson has been an ardent Republican, and has served as a delegate to numerous county conventions of his party. He filled the of-

fice of township assessor two terms; commissioner of highways two or three terms; has been a member of the school board twelve years, and is now township school trustee. He has also served as collector, and in 1896 was elected supervisor, to which office he was re-elected. He was a member of several important committees, and chairman of the committee on swamp lands. In the spring of 1900 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the same position and is now a member of two committees. In whatever position he has served he has proved a faithful and efficient officer, and his public and private life are alike above reproach.

FREDERICK SPERLING, whose home is on section 32, East Bend township, Champaign county, Illinois, is one of the highly respected and worthy citizens of his community. Although born on the other side of the Atlantic, he is thoroughly American in thought and feeling, and that he is patriotic and sincere in his love for the stars and stripes was manifest by his service in the Union army during the Civil war.

A native of Germany, Mr. Sperling was born in Prussia, September 1, 1836, and there spent the first thirteen years of his life, receiving good educational advantages in the schools of that country. In 1850 his father, Godfrey Sperling, with his family sailed from Hamburg on the Elba, commanded by Captain Hydeman, and after a stormy voyage of fifty-two days landed in New York, in August of that year. They immediately proceeded westward, going up the Hudson river to Albany, by rail to Buffalo, and by boat round the lakes to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where the family spent two years. The father then purchased land near that city, cleared away the timber and transformed the wild land into a good farm.

In the public schools of Wisconsin our subject obtained a good knowledge of the English language, and he remained with his father until grown. In April, 1861, at the first call for troops, he enlisted for three months in the Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, but was never called into active service. The following June he re-enlisted in Company A, Ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Frontier, and sent to Leavenworth, Kansas. His first engagement was at Newtonia, which was followed by the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and small engagements at Little, Missouri, Boonsboro, Prairie De Ann, Poison Springs, Camden, and the battle on the Saline river, Arkansas. They pursued the Quantrell band through Missouri and Arkansas, and were in many skirmishes. Although his clothes were pierced by bullets in many places, Mr. Sperling was never seriously wounded, and lost no time from his regiment on account of sickness. He was honorably discharged at Milwaukee, in December, 1864, and returned home.

Mr. Sperling was married, in Wisconsin, in 1860, to Miss Anna Marie Miller, who was also born in Germany, who was reared on a farm in Wisconsin. The early home of her family was near the River Rhine in Hesse-Darmstadt. It was in 1848 that she came to America with her father, Christopher Miller, and settled on a farm in Sheboygan county. Mr. and Mrs. Sperling have six children living, namely; Dorothea, wife of John A. Marriner of Chicago; J. C. R., who is married and also lives in Chicago;

Laura H., wife of James McGowan of South Evanston, Illoinis, Minerva who died when a young lady Edwin L. who is engaged in farming near Urbana, this county; Frederick W., who went to Cuba as a soldier of the Spanish-American war, but is now at home; and Marie, who is now with her brother in Chicago attending school.

In the spring of 1865 Mr. Sperling and his family removed to Bloomington, McLean county, Illinois, where he worked in a nursery and in George Burner's lumber yard until the following December, when he came to Champaign county. Here he engaged in farming upon rented land for several years. His first purchase consisted of one hundred and sixty acres of raw land, which he bought in partnership with his brother, and in connection with its cultivation they also operated rented land and engaged in the stock business quite extensively for seven years, the partnership being dissolved at the end of that time. The property was then divided and our subject took the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 32, East Bend township, where he now resides. It was purchased from the Illinois Central Railroad in 1869, and has since been converted into a well-improved and productive farm.

In his political affiliations Mr. Sperling is a stanch Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He has ever taken an active interest in educational affairs, and for eleven years was a member of the school board and clerk of the district. In 1888 he was elected supervisor, and so acceptably did he fill that office that he has been continuously re-elected, and is the present incumbent, his term not expiring for two years. He has been a member of nearly every committee, and has been chairman of some of the most important, including those on education and the poor house and farm. He has served as a delegate to numerous county, congressional and senatorial conventions of his party, and has discharged all his duties, both public and private, in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. He and his wife attended the Evangelical Lutheran church of Dewey, and he is a member of the Dewey Post, No. 282, G. A. R. of that place, of which he is now commander, having served in that office for two years. He is also a prominent member of Dewey Lodge, No. 994, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand and past representative, and is a member of the Encampment at Fisher, No. 158.

WILLIAM COOK. Prominent among the citizens of Champaign county who have witnessed the marvelous development of this state in the past sixty years, and who have, by honest toil and industry, succeeded in acquiring a competence and are now able to spend the sunset of life in quiet and retirement, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch and who now makes his home at No. 409 Springfield avenue, Champaign.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Cook was born in Will county, December 14, 1835, and is a son of Jesse and Nancy (Linebarger) Cook, natives of Ohio and North Carolina, respectively. The father was reared in Ohio until twenty-one years of age, and then removed to Park county, Indiana, where he was married. In the midst of a heavily timbered tract, he cleared and developed a farm, and made his home there until about 1830, when in company with a

number of other families moved to what is now Will county, Illinois, where he entered land from the government, but after residing there for a short time they were forced to leave on account of Indian troubles, the families being warned of their danger by a friendly Indian. They all returned to Indiana, but after peace was restored they again took up their residence in Will county, where the father of our subject lived until 1840, when he sold his property there and moved to Macoupin county, Illinois, becoming a pioneer of that locality. He again entered a tract of wild land and underwent the trials and difficulties of frontier life. In 1870 he came to Champaign county and purchased land in Tolono township, where he engaged in farming for some time, but finally sold his farm and retired from active life, spending his last days with his children. He died November, 1883, his wife March 8, 1885, honored and respected by all who knew them. Both were active and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he was a Democrat.

To this worthy couple were born eight children, namely: Mary A., who married Greenup Kinder, of Macoupin county, and both are now deceased. John, a retired farmer of Tolono township, this county; Andrew, who spent most of his life in Macoupin county, but finally moved to Cass county, Missouri, where he died in 1893; Lavina, widow of Samuel Kinder, and a resident of Montgomery county, Illinois; William, our subject; George, a farmer of Tolono township, this county; Elizabeth, deceased wife of M. P. Bobo, of Jasper county, Missouri, and Charles F., a farmer of Montgomery county, Illinois. In 1856 the father and his son Andrew made an overland trip to California in company with a number of their friends, and engaged in mining near Sacramento for about a year, returning home by way of the Isthmus and Gulf of Mexico. In 1854 they went again to the Pacific slope, and this time were accompanied by the other members of the family, the elder son remaining in Illinois. They left their home in Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 16th of March, that year, and reached their destination four months later. The parents conducted a boarding house, while our subject and his brothers engaged in mining, until December, 1857, when they returned to this state by the water route, our subject taking his first car ride across the Isthmus.

William Cook was only five years old when the family removed to Macoupin county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood on the farm, and from the time he was ten years old followed the plow and bore his share in the other farm work. His education was obtained in the primitive schools of the time, which he attended only during the winter months when he could be spared from the farm work. On reaching his majority he started out in life for himself by operating rented land on his own account.

On the 29th of March, 1860, Mr. Cook was united was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bayless, who was born in Park county, Indiana, April 30, 1843, a daughter of George P. and Amelia (Powers) Bayless, also natives of Indiana, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in politics. He was quite a prominent and influential man in his community, and was honored with several local offices, including that of assessor. He died September 28, 1858, and his wife passed away January 7, 1855. They had a family of six

children: Elizabeth, wife of our subject; Francis, a farmer of Pottawattamie county, Iowa; Martha, who married William McCoskey, a farmer of Vigo county, Indiana, and both are now deceased; Susanna, wife of James Campbell, of Kentucky; John Wesley, who has spent his entire life in Park county, Indiana; and William Perry, a resident of Cayuga, Indiana. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, three died in infancy. Nettie is now the wife of James W. Crow, a farmer of Colfax township, this county, and they have one child, Hazel G. Luella A. is the wife of Eugene Brownlee, a general merchant and postmaster of Norwood, Mercer county, Illinois, and they have two sons, Kenneth C. and Clifton D.

After his marriage Mr. Cook continued to operate rented land for five years, and then purchased property and began life in a modest way upon his own farm. Concluding to try his fortune in Kansas, he went to that state in the spring of 1866 in company with about six other families from the same neighborhood, traveling by team the entire distance, but the ravages of the war left both Missouri and Kansas in a desolate condition, and the inhabitants of the little villages along the way carried revolvers and all presented so wild and lawless an appearance that upon reaching Fort Scott Mr. Cook said he would not live in such a country, and immediately started to retrace his steps. He had two wagons and on the return trip was accompanied by his own brother and his wife's brother. After an absence of two months he again found himself in Macoupin county, Illinois, but too late to plant crops that year. Taking a train he came to Champaign county and purchased eighty acres of land in Tolono township for twenty-five dollars per acre, and in November, 1866, took up his residence thereon. To the improvement and cultivation of that farm he devoted his energies for many years, and added to it, making a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He finally sold his place in 1892 and moved to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he bought a quarter-section of land, and resided there for two years. Disposing of this property at the end of that time, he returned to Illinois and purchased ninety acres of land near Alexis, Mercer county, but after living there for eight months he concluded Champaign county was good enough for him, and accordingly sold his farm and returned to this region. He has since made his home in Champaign, occupying a pleasant residence at No. 409 West Springfield avenue. He has laid aside all business cares, but still owns a good farm of ninety acres in Clinton county, Indiana. In his farming operations he met with the success that usually followed the industrious and enterprising man, and the prosperity that has come to him is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts. As a Democrat he takes an active interest in public affairs, and he merits and receives the confidence and respect of the entire community. His estimable wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

AUGUST SPERLING, one of the self-made men of Champaign county, whose early home was in the German fatherland, commenced life without other capital than his strong hands and resolute will, and has attained a fine position, socially and financially, among his fellow citizens. He

dates his residence in Champaign county from the fall of 1865, and for the past ten years has been successfully engaged in the grain, coal and implement business in Dewey.

Mr. Sperling was born near Werningerode, Prussia, Germany, June 14, 1839, and is a son of Godfrey and Christina (Baller) Sperling, also natives of Prussia, where the father owned and operated flour and oil mills for some years. In 1850 he brought his family to the United States, and settled in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he resided for two years. He then located on a farm near that city, where he reared his family, and where his wife died July 3, 1869. He spent his last days with his sons, August and Frederick, in this county, and died at the home of the former in 1888. Both were laid to rest in Beekman cemetery.

Our subject began his education in the schools of his native land, but his advantages along that line were limited. His knowledge of English was obtained in the schools of Wisconsin. He remained at home until reaching man's estate, aiding in clearing and cultivating the farm. On the 22nd of April, 1861, at Sheboygan Falls, he was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Burkhardt, who was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, and when a child of eleven years came to the United States with her father, Gottlieb Burkhardt, who settled in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin. By this union has been born the following children: Emma Felthan, at home with her parents; J. A. F., who assists his father in the grain business in Dewey; Anna, wife of J. M. Jones, of Dewey; Alvin H., a farmer of East Bend township, this county; Godfrey, a civil engineer, who is now assistant treasurer of the Idaho, Pacific & Northern Railroad at Weiser, Idaho; Hannah, wife of William Burkhardt, a farmer of this county. They have lost four children: August and Alexander, who both died at the age of one year; Bertha, who died at the age of two years, and one who died in infancy.

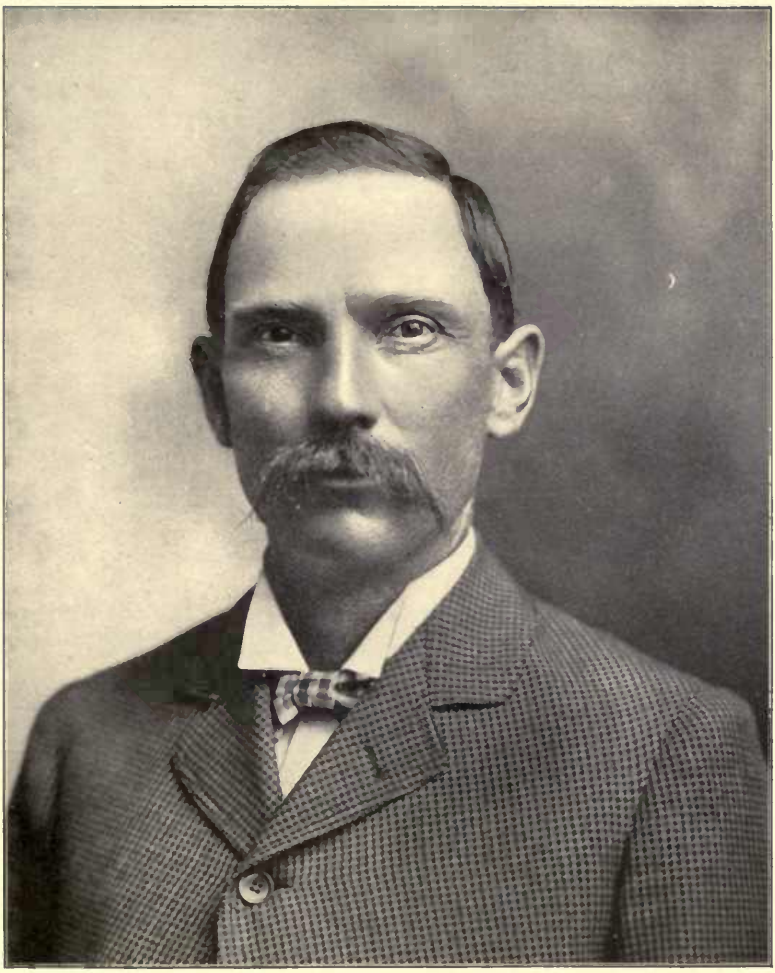
After his marriage Mr. Sperling moved to Winona, Minnesota, where he rented and operated a flouring mill for a few months, and then engaged in buying grain one year. He then returned to Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, and carried on the home farm until the spring of 1865, when he came to Champaign county, Illinois. The following year he and his brother Frederick bought two hundred and forty acres of raw prairie land, and in connection with its cultivation and improvement also operated rented land and engaged in the stock business, feeding and dealing in cattle at first, but later giving their attention principally to hogs. In 1872, at the end of seven years, the partnership was dissolved and the property divided. Our subject located on the farm where he still resides in 1871, and has since made many improvements upon the place, including the erection of good and substantial buildings, and the planting of a fine orchard, containing over one hundred and sixty varieties of fruits. His place consists of one hundred and seventy-seven acres of land on section 20, East Bend township. Since 1880 Mr. Sperling has been engaged in the grain business in Dewey, and in 1882 built an elevator there. He also bought a residence which he remodeled and improved, making his home there for ten years, but in the fall of 1899 he returned to the farm, though he is still actively engaged in the grain business at that place and owns business property there.

Like his father, Mr. Sperling has also

been identified with the Republican party, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and he takes quite an active part in local politics. He served twelve consecutive years as township treasurer, and has also filled the offices of assessor and collector, being first elected assessor in 1877. He has been a delegate to the county conventions of his party, has served as notary public, and is now justice of the peace of East Bend township. His official duties are always promptly and faithfully discharged, and his services has given the utmost satisfaction. Both he and his wife were reared in the Evangelical Lutheran church. He is quite a prominent Mason, a member of Sangamon Lodge, F. & A. M., of Fisher, Gibson Chapter, R. A. M.; and the Commandery, K. T., of Paxton. He has served three terms as master of his lodge and has represented it in the grand lodge of the state for several years. He also belongs to Dewey Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed through all the chairs, and is now past grand, and is past chief patriarch in the encampment at Fisher. His success in life is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well merited.

S WILLIAM POTTER, one of the most popular and influential citizens of Ayres township, Champaign county, Illinois, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 17, was born in Morgan county, this state. His father, John Potter, was a native of England, born in Oldham, Lancastershire, March 27, 1832, and was a son of Samuel Potter, who was in the employ of an English cotton manufacturer, and prior to his removal to this country he visited Mexico on business connected with his manufactory. In 1848 he emigrated to America and took up his residence in Morgan county, Illinois, where he made a contract to purchase land, but died before his funds left in England arrived. Of his children two married daughters remained in that country. Those who came with him to America were Joseph, and John, father of our subject, while Ann and her husband, James Wilson, one year later crossed the Atlantic and brought Ralph and Elizabeth, and also located in Morgan county, Illinois. By a former marriage he had one son, Samuel, who also remained in England.

After the death of their father, John Potter and his brother started out in life on their own account. The former was married in Morgan county, October 28, 1858, to Miss Rebecca Jane Gibson, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, July 19, 1835, and when a child came to Illinois with her widowed mother. After his marriage, Mr. Potter rented land in Morgan county, where he made his home until 1877, when he moved his family to Champaign county and purchased the northeast quarter of section 23, Raymond township, it being a part of the Broadlands tract then offered for sale. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for he died three years later, on the 21st of July, 1880. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and was laid to rest with the imposing ceremonies of that order. His wife survived him about five years and a half, dying January 29, 1886. To this worthy couple were born eight children, of whom S. William, our subject, is the eldest. Hugh D., born October 18, 1860, is a retired farmer of Broadlands. Joseph P., born September 5, 1862, married



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Miss Louie Walker, and is engaged in farming in Ayres township. John S., born November 26, 1863, married Miss Lillie Koontz, and is also farming in Ayres township. Margaret E., born November 21, 1865, is the wife of James Astell, of Raymond township. Ira I., born April 8, 1868, died August 16, 1869. Robert L., born October 8, 1869, resides in Broadlands, and is a salesman for fine horses. He married Miss Mary Miller, daughter of Thomas Miller, of Ayres township. Hannah E., born July 2, 1874, is the wife of Samuel E. Shultz, a farmer of Ayres township.

S. William Potter was reared on the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and he obtained his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and the practical school of experience. He had just attained his majority when his father died, and being the eldest son the care and responsibility of the head of a large family devolved upon him. He kept the children together until the youngest was of age, and the boys worked together in harmony upon the farm, to which they added another one hundred and sixty acres, making three hundred and twenty acres in all. As the children married and left home their shares were purchased, and upon the marriage of the youngest sister a final division of the property was made, our subject receiving one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Ayres township as his share. He has always given his attention to general farming and stock raising and takes a pride in keeping well bred stock, being a good judge and admirer of horses.

Since old enough to cast the first vote, Mr. Potter has taken an active interest in public affairs, is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, and for its success he is a zealous worker, having served on the town and county central committees and as a delegate to various conventions. When but twenty-one years of age he was elected a member of the school board, in which capacity he served for eight years. His next office was that of collector of his township, which he filled two terms, and was the assessor of the township of Ayres for the same length of time. In April, 1897, he was elected supervisor of Ayres township, and served in that responsible position for two terms with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was a member of several important committees, including those of ways and means, claims, and swamp lands. In 1893 he was elected commissioner of the Little Vermilion drainage district, in which capacity he served six consecutive years. Fraternally he is a member of Broadlands Lodge, No. 791, F. & A. M.; Newman Chapter, No. 172, R. A. M., of Newman; and Melita Commandery, No. 37, K. T., of Tuscola, and Broadlands Chapter, No. 416, O. E. S. For the past seven years he has been an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school, serving as steward and trustee of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school. He has won a high place in the regard and esteem of his many friends and acquaintances for his sterling qualities of head and heart, and he has the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

ABRAM D. CROSS, an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Rantoul, Illinois, is a worthy representative of an

excellent Pennsylvania family of English descent, and was himself born near Danville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in November, 1830. His parents were Joseph and Mary A. (Davis) Cross, natives of England and Wales, respectively, who during their youth emigrated to this country and after their marriage settled on a farm in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. The quiet of their rural life was interrupted, however, by the wars with Texas and Mexico, in which the father took part as a Federal soldier, and as he never returned home he is supposed to have been killed in battle. His widow was left with four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the eldest.

Upon leaving his mother's home, Abram D. Cross drifted to the city of Philadelphia, where he learned the carpenter's trade, remaining there until coming west in 1856. Soon after reaching Illinois he concluded to take up his abode in Rantoul, where he commenced business as a contractor and builder. He afterward served as secretary of the H. R. & E. Ry. and later as a passenger conductor, and subsequently, in connection with Harvey Bullock, distinguished himself as one of the publishers of the Rantoul Press, with which he was connected from 1874 to 1877, when he resumed railroading as a conductor on the Nickle Plate Road, running from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Bellevue, Ohio, and on the Cleveland & Marietta Railroad from Cleveland to Valley Junction. In June, 1885, he was appointed postmaster of Rantoul, the duties of which office he performed with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of those recommending him. He has been a life-long Democrat, and attends the Methodist church.

In November, 1851, Mr. Cross was united in marriage with Miss Martha Jacoby, of Andalusia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Jacoby, of Bloomsburg, that state. Eight children were born of this union but only four are now living, of whom George S. is the oldest. Lillian E. is now the wife of O. L. Downey, of Chicago. Frank Raymond, born in Rantoul, in 1870, started the Rantoul News in 1889, but afterward sold out and went to Chicago, where he attended the Northwestern University for a time. Subsequently he conducted the Daily and Weekly Tribune at Harvey, Illinois, for some years, but in 1894 he returned to Rantoul, and since April of that year has published the Rantoul Press. He was married September 1, 1891, to Alice Lenox, of Rantoul. Ruth D., the youngest of the family, is the wife of Joseph L. Hamel, a stenographer of Chicago.

JULIUS CRANSTON. Prominent among the representative citizens, and respected and influential men of East Bend township is the subject of this biographical notice, who owns and operates a well-improved and valuable farm of one hundred and ninety acres on section 6. The place is under a high state of cultivation and shows conclusively that the owner has not mistaken his calling in adopting agriculture.

Mr. Cranston was born in Champaign county, Ohio, October 26, 1833, and is a son of Stephen and Esther (Hammond) Cranston, natives of Rhode Island and Connecticut, respectively.

Reared upon a farm, Mr. Cranston began his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and later attended the Mechanicsburg Academy. On coming to

Illinois in 1855, he worked on a farm in Knox county for one season, and then found employment in a brick yard at Clinton, De Witt county. In 1857 he came to Champaign county and bought land where he now resides, which he at once commenced to improve, erecting thereon a small house, but after operating the farm for seven years he sold out in 1868 and removed to Ford county, buying a place one mile north of his first farm. He made his home there for eight years and then returned to Champaign county, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 6, East Bend township, where he is now living. At that time only forty acres had been broken and a small house erected thereon. He has since made many improvements upon the place, and has added to it until he now has one hundred and ninety acres, well tiled and under a high state of cultivation. In connection with general farming, he is engaged in breeding and raising Galaway cattle, and now has a fine herd of high grade thoroughbreds upon his place.

On the 1st of May, 1859, in Woodford county, Illinois, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cranston and Miss Artemisia R. Atwood, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of Luke Atwood, who was also born in the Green Mountain state, and in 1851 removed to Ohio, and three years later to Woodford county, Illinois. Our subject and his wife were reared in the same neighborhood in Ohio and educated in the same school. They have a family of seven children, namely: Leslie A., who is engaged in the practice of law in Gibson, Illinois; Clara, wife of Professor Stephen Waggoner, both of whom were teachers in the Indian reservation, South Dakota, for five years and now reside in Nebraska; Mary, wife of Lincoln H. Green, a farmer of Oakwood, Illinois; Lucy, wife of W. G. Green, a farmer living near Oakwood; Phœbe, who died at the age of four years; Stephen C., who assists his father in carrying on the farm; Grace A. and Artie F., both at home.

Mr. Cranston has been an ardent Republican since the organization of that party, having voted for John C. Fremont in 1856, and for all of its presidential candidates since that time. He has been an efficient member of the school board for years, has been a clerk of the district, was highway commissioner three years, and has also filled the office of township collector. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Union, Ford county, and are held in high regard by all who know them, on account of their sterling worth and many excellences of character.

ARCHIBALD B. CAMPBELL. One of the wide-awake young journalists of Champaign county is Archibald B. Campbell, editor and proprietor of the Tolono Herald. He has manifested great interest in the improvement and progress of this town and the surrounding country, and is personally very popular with everyone who has the pleasure of his acquaintance. Within a few years he has risen to a position of assured influence in the community, and his future is one of great promise.

A native of Ayrshire, Scotland, he was born on the 4th of August, 1870, his parents being Archibald B. and Christina (Stewart) Campbell, of the same locality. The father died in Scotland in 1872, and about a year afterward the mother came to America, settling in Tolono, where she is yet making

her home. Of her seven children Alexander, the eldest, who was cashier of the Tolono bank, died in 1888; Jennie, wife of G. L. Baker, a music dealer of Champaign, has three children; Mary married Robert Leslie, agent of the Wabash Railroad at Tolono, and has four children; John died in Scotland when three years of age; William, who was a clerk in the local railway offices, died in 1896; Peter S., foreman of the Urbana Herald, is married and has two children; and A. B. completes the family.

The education of Archibald B. Campbell was gained in the common schools of Tolono, supplemented by private study and systematic reading. For several years he was employed in the railroad offices, but in 1891 he embarked in the newspaper business here, by purchasing the Herald publishing plant. He has added materially to the style and quality of the paper, and from year to year its circulation has increased in a measure exceedingly gratifying to the young proprietor, who spares no effort in rendering the journal one of the brightest and newsiest sheets published in the state.

In his political faith, Mr. Campbell is a stalwart Republican. He was appointed postmaster of Tolono in July, 1897, since which date the service has been increased and improved, much being due to his indefatigable efforts. At one time he acted in the capacity of town clerk for some two years, amply proving his general ability and wise judgment in public affairs. In fraternal circles he is very popular, striving, by all honorable means, to advance the welfare of the several organizations with which he is connected. He is now officiating as junior warden of Tolono Lodge, No. 391, F. & A. M.; director of Crown Lodge, No. 578, Knights of Pythias; a manager of Central Camp, No. 293, Modern Woodmen of America; and a trustee of White District Court of Honor, No. 229.

The marriage of Mr. Campbell and Bertha Skinner, daughter of A. D. and Sarah (Rich) Skinner, was solemnized August 21, 1893. They have become the parents of a little daughter, Florence, who is the pride and sunshine of their pleasant home. Mrs. Campbell is a native of this county, where she was reared to womanhood and educated. Like her husband, she is very popular in social circles, yet finds her chief joy in the quiet home where she presides with grace and gentle dignity.

CHARLES ALD, a representative farmer and stock raiser of East Bend township, residing on section 4, is a native of Illinois, his birth occurring in Woodford county, February 18, 1844. His father, Henry Ald, was born in Germany, and on his emigrating to the United States located first in Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked at the tanner's trade for a year or two. He then removed to Illinois and was one of the first settlers of Tazewell county, but after two years spent there he took up his residence in Woodford county, where he passed his remaining days.

In the county of his nativity Charles Ald grew to manhood upon a farm. On the 22nd of August, 1862, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted in Company F, Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Thirteenth Corps, Army of the Tennessee, and took part in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion Hills and Black River, was in the siege of Vicksburg until the surrender of that stronghold, in

the last battle of Jackson and the engagement at Sabine Cross Roads. At the last named place Mr. Ald was taken prisoner and held for thirteen months at Tyler, Texas. The war ended ere his release and he was honorably discharged at Springfield, Illinois, in July, 1865.

Returning to his home in Woodford county, Mr. Ald operated rented land there for several years, but in 1874 he removed to Ford county, where he also engaged in farming upon rented land for five years. In 1878 he purchased eighty acres of his present farm on section 4, East Bend township, Champaign county, to which he added an adjoining forty acres in 1888. Upon this place he has made his home since 1879, and has devoted his energies to its improvement and cultivation with most gratifying results. The land is now thoroughly tiled and is supplied with a good set of farm buildings. Renting his place in 1893, Mr. Ald went to Kansas and Iowa, but soon returned to this state and resided in Gibson until the following spring when he returned to his farm. He has made a specialty of breeding and dealing in pure blood short horn cattle for about twenty years, and he has twenty head of fine stock, nearly all of which are pedigreed stock. The herd is headed by Waterloo Lad, a fine animal weighing over two thousand pounds.

In Woodford county, September 29, 1867, Mr. Ald was united in marriage with Miss Martha Maria Arrowsmith, a daughter of Thomas Arrowsmith, a native of England and one of the early settlers of Woodford county. She was born in New York, but was reared in Woodford county, this state. The only child born to our subject and his wife died in infancy. They are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and are highly respected and esteemed in the community where they make their home. By his ballot Mr. Ald supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant. He is a wide-awake, progressive man, whose success in life is mainly due to his own industry, perseverance and excellent management.

EDWARD DONOGHUE, superintendent of trains and tracks of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, residing at Rantoul, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, August 15, 1829, and is a son of Sylvester and Catherine (Griffin) Donoghue, also natives of the Emerald Isle. The father was a prosperous farmer and land owner of County Wicklow, who died at his birthplace in 1877, at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother died in 1879, at the age of seventy-one. They had a family of eight children, but only two are now living, the other besides our subject being Michael, who came to this country at an early day and is now a prosperous farmer living a short distance west of Springfield, Illinois.

Edward Donoghue continued to reside in his native county until 1846, attending school and working on his father's farm. It was during that year that he emigrated to the United States and located in Essex county, New Jersey, where he was employed on a farm until 1848. The following year was spent in traveling through the western and southern states, spending some time in Texas and Mexico, and in the spring of 1849 he came to Springfield, Illinois, the greater part of that year being devoted to hunting as game was very plentiful in this state at that time. He spent the winter of

1850 in St. Louis, Missouri, but did not engage in any regular employment there, and the following year returned to Springfield, where he worked on the construction of the Chicago & Alton Railroad until March, 1852, when he moved to Cairo, this state, and became connected with the construction corps of the Illinois Central Railroad. In the spring of 1864 he returned to Springfield, and for four years was engaged in farming a few miles east of that city. At the end of that time he again became connected with the Illinois Central Railroad Company on the Springfield division of that road, and in 1880 removed to Centralia, Marion county, to take charge of the road department there. In the employ of the same company he came to Rantoul in 1887, and has since held the position of superintendent of trains and tracks.

On the 7th of April, 1856, Mr. Donoghue was united in marriage with Miss Anistasia Hogan, also a native of Ireland, who on coming to this country located in Springfield, Illinois. To them have been born twelve children, eight of whom are living, namely: Catherine. born in Sangamon county, Ill., is the wife of Thomas Kennedy, a prosperous blacksmith of Springfield: Annie is the wife of Thomas Jackson, a grocer of Rantoul; Ellen is the widow of Harley Marsh, a conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad; Mary, Alice and Anistasia are all at home; Edward C. is an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad, and Sylvester is a fireman on the same road. All were born in Sangamon county, this state. Thomas, Michael, Edward and Alice died when quite young. The children have been provided with the best possible advantages, and the family is one in which the parents may take a just pride.

For forty-two years Mr. Donoghue has been in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, and has the entire confidence and respect of the company, and is also greatly liked by the men under his jurisdiction. Although now well advanced in years he is well preserved and very active, and able to give close attention to his various duties. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to devote his spare time to his home and family, of which he is quite fond. He is a member of the Catholic church of Rantoul.

ALEXANDER F. STAUBUS, a well-known farmer residing on section 12, Condit township, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, May 10, 1834, and is a son of Christian and Maria Elizabeth (Helker) Staubus, natives of Wurtemburg, Germany, where they were married and continued to reside until after the birth of two of their children, the father being engaged in farming. On their emigration to the new world in 1813, they settled in Augusta county, Virginia, where he followed the same pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. In their family were fourteen children, nine sons and five daughters, all of whom reached man and womanhood and became heads of families.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were passed upon the home farm in his native county, and there he was married, December 25, 1856, to Miss Frances Miller, who was also born, reared and educated there. Her father, Daniel Miller, was born in Virginia, of German parentage. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Staubus, namely: Edward Lee is married

and engaged in business in Rochelle, Illinois; Joseph A. follows farming in Lee county, this state; Charles J. is at home; Minnie G. is the wife of E. L. Titus, of Lee county; Allie is the wife of Tomas Jervus, of Champaign county; Bessie is the wife of Elmer P. Nelson, of this county, and Luella K. married J. T. Fletcher, and died leaving one daughter, Bessie, who resides with our subject, and one son, Delbert, who is with his father.

After his marriage Mr. Staubus rented land and engaged in farming for some years in the Shenandoah Valley. He entered the Confederate army at the opening of the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 in Company B, Fifty-second Virginia Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Generals Lee and Stonewall Jackson. He participated in the battles of McDowell, West Virginia; Winchester; and a continuous fight from Harpers Ferry to Cross Keys. He also took part in the battle of Fort Republic and Richmond and the seven days engagement there against McClellan. He was in the two battles of Menasas, and the battle of Antietam, after which his command fell back to the Rappahannock river. The following spring he took part in the battle of Spottsylvania, driving out Hooker, and then marched to the Shenandoah Valley and attacked General Millroy at Winchester, driving him out. Later in July, Mr. Staubus with his command participated in the battle of Gettysburg, and then fell back to the Rapidan river. The following spring they were attacked by General Grant, and opposed him in his march to Richmond. They took part in the battle of Cold Harbor, and several other engagements between Richmond and Petersburg, ending in the surrender at Appomattox, April 9, 1865.

The war being over, Mr. Staubus returned to his home in Augusta county, Virginia, where he engaged in farming for a couple of years. In 1867 he removed to McLean county, Illinois, where he rented land and followed farming for six years, and at the end of that time came to Champaign county, purchasing the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 12, Condit township, where he has since lived. When he took up his residence thereon it was a wild, unbroken tract, but he has transformed it into a highly cultivated and well improved farm. The success that has crowned his efforts in life has been obtained by his own labor and the assistance of his estimable wife. Both are faithful members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and are held in high regard by all who know them. In his political affiliations Mr. Staubus is a stalwart Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856. He takes an active and commendable interest in educational affairs, and most efficiently served as school director for twelve years.

JOHN B. SAWYER. Among those agriculturists of Champaign county whose places manifest to the most casual observer the energy and ability of their owner in his chosen calling, is the subject of this personal history. He makes his home on section 4, East Bend town, and is successfully engaged in both general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Sawyer was born near Olney, Richland county, Illinois, January 2, 1851, and is a son of Sassander Sawyer, who was born and reared in Kentucky, and came to Illinois when a young man, being one of the

first settlers of Richland county, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer, dying there in 1873. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bullard, was a native of Richland county and a daughter of Bryant Bullard, one of the pioneers of that county from one of the Carolinas.

On leaving home at the age of fourteen years, John B. Sawyer went to Woodford county, Illinois, where he worked by the month on the farm for fifteen months. In 1869 he went to Ford county where he was similarly employed for two years, and then engaged in farming for himself upon rented land in that county for several years. On first coming to Champaign county, in 1871, he rented land. He was married in Richland county, December 24, 1874, to Miss Cornelia Knerr, also a native of that county, and a daughter of Jacob Knerr, formerly from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer began their domestic life in Champaign county upon a rented farm adjoining his present place, and lived there for seven years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty-six acres where he now makes his home. At that time it was but slightly improved, but to its further development and cultivation he has since devoted his time and attention with most gratifying results, and now has a well improved and valuable farm, on which is a pleasant residence and substantial outbuildings. He is engaged in raising, feeding, and dealing in cattle and hogs, and now ships annually three car loads of cattle and two car loads of hogs to the city market. Besides his home farm he now owns a place of ninety-five acres in East Bend township, Champaign county, and another of forty acres in Ford county, making in all over three hundred acres, which has been acquired through his own energy, perseverance and good management, for he started out in life for himself empty-handed, and has had to make his own way in the world unaided by capital or influential friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer have five children: Pearl, who assists his father in carrying on the farm; Ethel, a student in the Onarga Seminary, Iroquois county; Lela, Lula and Grace, all at home. The wife and mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Since casting his first presidential ballot for General U. S. Grant, in 1872, Mr. Sawyer has been identified with the Republican party, and has taken a commendable interest in public affairs. He is the present efficient highway commissioner of East Bend township, and has been a member of the school board and clerk of the district for several years, the duties of which positions he has most capably and satisfactorily performed. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Code of Honor, and Elliott Lodge, I. O. O. F., Elliott, Illinois, in which he has filled all the offices and is now past grand and district grand deputy. He is also a member of the Encampment at Gibson, of which he is senior warden, and is a lieutenant of the Canton Uniformed Rank. He is highly honored and esteemed in social as well as business circles, and wherever known commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he is brought in contact.

CAPT. GEORGE W. B. SADORUS, an honored citizen of the town of Sadorus, is believed to be the oldest living native-born resident of Champaign county,

and certain it is that his family was one of the first to permanently locate in this section of the state, and for three-quarters of a century has been prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of its resources.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Henry Sadorus, born in 1783, served in the war of 1812, and in 1824 came to Champaign county, where he was the second white settler. He located in the southwestern part of the county, which then included land from which five counties were subsequently formed. Indians were numerous and wild game abundant, and the pioneers spent considerable time in trapping and hunting. Sadorus Grove was named in honor of Henry Sadorus, who continued to dwell on the old homestead which he had improved, until he had completed his earthly career, his death taking place in 1878. Of his four daughters and three sons only two survive, a daughter whose home is in California, and Allen M., of Sadorus. The latter has several children living in California, to which state he went in company with his brother Henry, in 1849, making the difficult and dangerous trip across the plains, and, during his residence on the Pacific slope he lost his wife by death.

William, the eldest son of Henry Sadorus, Sr., and father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania, July 4, 1812. He was a lad of about twelve years when he came to this county, and with the exception of a few years when he devoted a portion of his time to milling and merchandising, he was occupied in agriculture. The village of Sadorus was built upon a part of his homestead, and no more public spirited citizen ever dwelt here. He donated land to each of the three churches, besides subscribing liberally to them, and also gave lots for school purposes. His influence and means assisted many a local industry and improvement, and when the Wabash Railway was built through here he contributed land for the yards and station. The high esteem in which his business ability and judgment were held was shown by the number of township offices to which he was elected, and faithfully did he discharge every trust reposed in him. He was a Democrat of the old school, and religiously was a Baptist, an earnest worker, holding different official positions in the church. Prior to his death he divided over a section of land among his children, for whom he had previously made good provision. Recognized as the oldest living settler of the county, he was presented with a gold-headed cane in 1890, and this cane he left to his eldest son, George W., with the understanding that it is to descend to the eldest son in each succeeding generation. His long and honorable life came to a quiet close, June 18, 1899, at his old home in Sadorus, and, as he was a Mason of good standing, his funeral was conducted under the auspices of that order.

In his early manhood, William Sadorus married Mary Moore, a native of Kentucky. She came to Champaign county when young and died when in her prime, in 1850. Seven children were born to this worthy couple, one dying in infancy. George W. B. and Henry are farmers of Sadorus township, and Samuel is a farmer in Nevada. Margaret is the widow of O. C. McConney, and lives in Sadorus. Sarilda J. married Thomas Hixon, and lives on a farm in Jasper county, Missouri, and Sarah S., wife of Charles Mills, lives in Pana, Illinois. The second wife of William Sadorus bore

the name of Jincey A. Brumley. She was born in Kentucky and resided in Urbana at the time of their marriage. Two children were born to them, but lived only a few years, and the mother also soon passed away. Later Mr. Sadorus married Charity Hastings, a widow with three children, and one daughter was born to this union, Ida, who is living with her widowed mother on the old homestead, west of this village.

The birth of George W. B. Sadorus took place in the humble pioneer log cabin of his parents, at Sadorus Grove, December 31, 1838. As is obvious, his educational advantages were limited, though subsequent observation and experience greatly widened his fund of knowledge. In 1857 he left the occupation of farming, to which he had hitherto given his energy and time, and embarked in the mercantile business in Sadorus. When the Civil war came on and patriots laid aside personal ambitions, Mr. Sadorus arranged his affairs, and in 1862 enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Volunteer Infantry. From that time until the dreadful conflict was at an end, he stood faithfully at his post, nobly performing his duties and winning the admiration and commendation of his superior officers and comrades. When setting out for the front he was fifth sergeant, but for bravery and efficiency he was subsequently promoted to a captaincy. Though he participated in some of the hardest campaigns of the war, and took an active part in about twenty-five engagements, including Perrysville, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw, Jonesborough, Burnt Hickory, siege of Atlanta, and went with Sherman on his march to the sea, participating in the battles of Savanna, Averysboro and Bentonville, he seemed to lead a charmed life, as he was never severely wounded. Twice he was struck with spent balls, and at Kenesaw Mountain he saw a comrade on each side of him fall, mortally wounded. With his regiment he was in the grand review at Washington, and in that city he was mustered out June 9, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Chicago. The sword which he carried through his entire service is yet in his possession.

In 1866 Captain Sadorus married Phœbe J. Brown, daughter of Richard and Rebecca (Kress) Brown, and granddaughter of Ethan Brown, who owned the land upon which the city of Buffalo, New York, now stands. Richard Brown, who died in Indiana, in 1852, was a native of New York state, as was his wife also. She removed to Champaign county in 1857 with her daughters, two of her sons having come to this locality in 1855, and made a home for them. Mrs. Sadorus was born in Erie county, Ohio, in 1844, and has two sisters and one brother living.

The union of the Captain and wife was blessed with six children, one of whom died in infancy. William Elmer, Frank A., Warren and Mary E. are at home. Enos B., the second son, married Lillian Marsh, and resides in this township. They had two children, both of whom died in infancy.

When he returned from the south at the close of the war, Captain Sadorus commenced farming on a small place of forty acres, the nucleus of his present homestead, which comprises one hundred and six acres in the home place. He has placed all of the numerous improvements here and keeps his buildings, fences and trees in a neat and thrifty condition. He has engaged in general farming, and has met with success in all his enterprises. In addition to his country

home, he owns a house and three acres of land in Sadorus township, which place is occupied by his married son.

For many years the Captain has taken much pleasure in collecting curios and relics, and in his two large cabinets there may be seen extremely interesting articles from all portions of the world. One of his chief treasures consists of a complete and authentic history of the Civil war, detailing the parts taken by both the Federal and Confederate armies. There are one hundred and thirty volumes in this set, besides which he is the fortunate possessor of a fine and well selected library, comprising works of the leading standard authors.

With his wife and children the Captain holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been honored with nearly all the official positions in the congregation, was class-leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school for years, and has been recognized as one of the most active workers in the church for the past twenty-eight years. In his home township he has served as a school director for twelve years, and for the same length of time has been a ditch commissioner. Fraternally he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Sadorus Post, No. 322. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

PHILIP HUMMEL, JR. Among the prominent and enterprising citizens of the northern part of the county who are of alien birth is this gentleman, who is now living a retired life in Dewey. Like others of his countrymen, he brought to the new world the habits of economy and frugality which are inherent characteristics of his native land, and the exercise of which, accompanied by industry and good management, has secured him a comfortable competence that now enables him to lay aside all business cares.

Mr. Hummel was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, March 4, 1844, a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Blase) Hummel, also natives of the same place. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in June, 1815, and came to America in 1854, locating in Kane county, Illinois, where he spent about six years. In 1861 he came to Champaign county, where he had previously purchased one hundred and twenty acres of and, and for a year or two he lived upon rented land before locating upon his own place. Subsequently he purchased one hundred and sixty acres more, and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits for some years, but now rents his land and lives retired in Dewey, where he owns two residences. Although eighty-five years of age, he is still well preserved and quite active for one of his years. He has been married three times, the mother of our subject having died in Germany.

Philip Hummel, Jr., was a lad of ten years when he came to the new world, and in Champaign county he grew to manhood. He assisted his father in opening up the farm, and attended the public schools to some extent, but is mostly self-educated. On the 15th of August, 1862, he joined the boys in blue of Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served less than a year, being then transferred to the Second Illinois Battery, Army of the Tennessee. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman

on his famous march to the sea. He was slightly wounded at Perryville, and still carries a scar received in the defense of the old flag and the cause it represented. He took part in the last engagement of that war, and with his command marched through Richmond and on to Washington, D. C., where he particpated in the grand review. Near Buzzards Roost he was captured, but soon made his escape. He was honorably discharged at Chicago in June, 1865, and returned home, remaining with his father on the farm for about two years.

On the 25th of February, 1868, in East Bend township, Mr. Hummel married Miss Anna Lorenz, a native of Saxon Weimer, Germany, and a daughter of Gottleib and Dorothea (Rush) Lorenz, who brought their family to America in 1853, and first located at Covington, Kentucky, where they resided for some years, but in 1867 came to Champaign county, Illinois. Our subject and his wife have one son, Louis, who is now engaged in business in Dewey. Two other children, Louisa and Elvira, were born to them, but both died in infancy.

After his marriage, Mr. Hummel located on a farm. His first purchase consisted of forty acres, to which he later added another forty-acre tract of raw land, and engaged in the cultivation of that farm for eight years, when he sold and bought a well-improved farm of eighty acres elsewhere in East Bend township, making it his home for seventeen years, during which time he devoted considerable attention to raising and feeding stock. Renting his farm in 1895 he removed to Dewey, where he bought a lot and erected a substantial residence where he now makes his home, and also has a residence and three business lots in Dewey. He has since purchased another forty-acre tract near Dewey, but is now living retired, leaving the operation of his land to others. Since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1868, he has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He has been a member of Dewey Post, G. A. R., since its organization, and both he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church at that place.

JAMES R. WILSON is now successfully engaged in the stock business in Dewey, but formerly was one of the most active and progressive farmers of East Bend township, where he stiil owns a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres two miles from the village. He is numbered among the old settlers of the state, dating his residence here from 1853, and has made his home in Champaign county since 1870.

Mr. Wilson was born on the Ohio river, near Evansville, Indiana, August 24, 1837, and is a son of James Wilson, a native of Virginia, who when a young man removed to Indiana and there, in the midst of the forest, cleared and opened up a farm. In that state he married Susan Whiting, a native of Kentucky, and for a number of years he continued to follow farming there. It was in 1853 that he removed to Danvers township, McLean county, Illinois, and purchased a farm, which he operated several years. His last days were spent in the village of Danvers, where he died in 1866. His wife had previously passed away, dying in 1883.

Our subject came with his parents to this state in 1853, and assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until after the

Civil war broke out, his education being obtained in the common schools of the neighborhood. On the 22nd of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Eightieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. His first engagement was the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, which was followed by the battles of Franklin, Nashville and Resaca, and the Atlanta campaign, where he was shot through the right thigh and permanently disabled. For a time he was confined in the hospitals at Cumberland and Nashville, and was then sent to Louisville, Kentucky, and later to the marine hospital in Evansville, Indiana. On his recovery he rejoined his regiment at Nashville, and took part in the battle of Clifton, Tennessee, and assisted in driving Hood from the state. The command then went to Cincinnati, from there to Washington, D. C., and by sea to Bentonville, North Carolina, where they participated in the last battle of the war, Johnston's army surrendering at that place. The regiment then proceeded to Salisbury, North Carolina, where they remained until mustered out, being discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 12, 1865.

For some time after his return home Mr. Wilson worked by the month as a farm hand or was employed in a sawmill and at anything which he could find to do. In McLean county he was married, December 30, 1869, to Miss Lucilla Franks, who was born, reared and educated in that county. Her father, James Franks, was a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia. When a young man he went to Kentucky, where he married Rebecca Walton, a native of that state, and about 1830 they came to Illinois. After spending some years in Pekin, they removed to McLean county, where Mr. Franks engaged in farming, and where he died in 1872. His wife survived him ten years, passing away in 1882, and was laid by his side in Stout Grove cemetery. Our subject and his wife have one son, Charles S., who served one year in the Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish-American war, and now holds a business position in Chicago.

In the spring of 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson took up their residence in East Bend township, Champaign county, where he had purchased eighty acres of land, on which had been erected a small house. Prosperity seemed to smile upon his efforts, and he was able to purchase one hundred and sixty acres adjoining, making a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, and upon which he made many useful and valuable improvements. In 1890 he rented the place and moved to Dewey, where he has erected a large neat residence, one of the best in the village, and has since engaged in buying and shipping stock. Besides the property already mentioned he now owns a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Lee county, Illinois. He has met with marked success in his undertakings, being one of the most energetic, enterprising and progressive business men in the community, and the prosperity that has come to him is certain justly merited for it is due entirely to his own unaided efforts and good management.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Wilson a stanch supporter of its principles since he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He served as commissioner of highways for fifteen consecutive years, and as a member of the school board for some years, his services

giving the utmost satisfaction. He is a charter member of Dewey Post, G. A. R., of which he is past commander; is a member of the Blue Lodge, No. 801, F. &. A. M., of Fisher; and Gibson Chapter, R. A. M.; the Odd Fellows Lodge of Dewey, in which he has filled all the offices, and is now past grand; and a member of the encampment of Rantoul.

LEWIS H. LORENZ, a well-known general merchant of Dewey, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Saxony, Germany, November 11, 1847, a son of Gottlieb and Dorothea (Rush) Lorenz, also natives of Saxony. On the emigration of the family to the new world in 1850, they located in Kentucky, where they made their home for some years, but in 1866 came to Champaign county, Illinois, and the father purchased a farm in East Bend township, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there July 10, 1897. The mother died in 1872. In their family were the following children: Edward, a resident of Covington, Kentucky; Ernest, the present sheriff of Champaign county; Annie, wife of Philip Hummel, Jr., of Dewey, and Lewis, our subject.

The subject of this review was twenty years of age when the family came to this county, and for two years thereafter he aided his father in the operation of the home farm. He then rented land and engaged in farming on his own account for several years. In August, 1872, he was married in this county to Miss Matilda Heinmann, a native of Indiana, and a daughter of John N. Heinmann, who was born in Germany and came to America when a young man with Mr. Lorenz' family. After spending some years in Indiana, he removed to Mattoon, Illinois, then to Ford county, and later came to Champaign county. He became one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of East Bend township, where he died in 1898. His wife is still living, and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Lorenz. Our subject and his wife have three children living, namely Lillian, wife of John Huffman, a resident of Gilman, Illinois; Minnie, wife of Harry Alexander and residents of Dewey, and Rozella, who is attending the home school. The daughters have all assisted their father in the store. Three children of the family died in childhood, two sons and one daughter.

For two years after his marriage Mr. Lorenz continued to operate rented land, and then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw land, which he converted into a good farm, giving his entire time and attention to its improvement and cultivation for several years. He next engaged in the restaurant business In Elliott for nine months, and later conducted a hotel in Paxton for a year and a half. in January, 1881, he came to Dewey, and was with his brother until the following August, when he started in business for himself in a small way. When Mr. Lorenz first started in business his stock of goods cost only seventeen dollars and fifty-five cents, the bill for which he still keeps as a souvenir. He has gradually increased his stock to meet the growing demands of his trade, and now has a good general store, supplied with everything found in a first class establishment of the kind. As a business man he enjoys an enviable reputation for fair dealing, and today enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. His success has been worthily achieved, being due entirely to

his own industry, perseverance and sound judgment in business affairs. He owns the building in which he carries on business and three good residences in the village.

Since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1872, Mr. Lorenz has been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party and its principles, but has never sought office preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. Religiously he and his estimable wife are members of the German Lutheran church.

DAVID H. LESTER, or, as he is more frequently called by relatives and old friends, "Harvey" Lester, is an active, enterprising business man and agriculturist of Champaign county. His record as a citizen and neighbor and in all of the relations of the domestic circle is beyond reproach, and to his posterity he will leave what is better than riches, an untarnished name.

He is one of the native sons of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Switzerland county, not far from the Ohio river, October 18, 1848. His father, David Lester, was born in the same county twenty-one years previously, and the grandfather, David Lester, Sr., was a native of New York, and one of the sterling pioneers of the Hoosier state. David Lester, Jr., upon reaching maturity, married Eliza Gerard, daughter of Squire Gerard, who had died when she was young. Mr. Lester engaged in farming in the county of his birth until death put an end to his labors, in 1862, when he was in his prime—only thirty-five years old. His widow subsequently became the wife of Daniel Sullivan, since deceased, and she now makes her home in Champaign county.

David Harvey Lester, as he was the eldest of his parent's children, was his mother's mainstay after the father's death, and he continued to manage the home farm in Switzerland county until he was twenty years of age. At that time he came to Illinois, joining his cousin, John B. Lester, and for two years he worked for farmers in this locality. Later he rented land for about a year, and after his marriage he and his wife went to Furnas county, Nebraska, where they took up a homestead and made some improvements. They stayed there nearly three years and then sold out and returned to Champaign county. Here Mr. Lester rented land again until 1882, when he bought forty acres of his present homestead in section 22, Newcomb township. His wife afterward fell heir to thirty-two acres of her father's property, which adjoined, and buying another small tract, our subject extended the boundaries of his farm to its present dimensions, eighty-eight acres. He has expended a large amount of money in improvements, and the attractive residence, good barns, orchards, fences, ditches and tiling speak eloquently of his enterprise and thrift. In addition to raising a general line of cereals, hay and other crops, he pays considerable attention to the raising and feeding of live stock.

For some years Mr. Lester served as highway commissioner of his township, and he also acted as constable for a like period. The cause of education finds a sincere friend in him, and for sixteen years he was a member of the school board and at this writing is president of that organization. Politically, he is a stalwart Republican in national issues, and never fails in depositing his ballot for his party's nominee. Socially, he is identified with the Fisher Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

In this county Mr. Lester and Phœbe Broderick were married, November 16, 1872. She was born in Newcomb township on the farm next to the one on which she now resides. Her father, William V. Broderick, was born in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, May 10, 1815. He was only fourteen years of age when he commenced earning his own livelihood, and going to Indiana, resided in Dearborn and Tippecanoe counties until 1853, when he came to Newcomb township. He married Phœbe Keeler, in Tippecanoe county, April 13, 1839, and they became successful farmers of this locality. He was called to his reward November 8, 1895, having survived his wife forty years, as she had died January 15, 1855. To Mr. and Mrs. Lester were born six children, of whom five are living. Effie, the eldest, married Hiram S. Wright, a farmer of this township, and they have one son, Harry Smith. Jesse is at home and aids in the management of the farm. Bert, Orren and Daisy are students in the neighboring school. Willie died when eighteen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Lester are members of the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church and the latter is a member of the Women's Home Missionary Society. They are liberal contributors to all worthy enterprises, and many a poor and needy one remembers them with gratitude for kindnesses shown.

ISAAC N. PARKER, a thorough and systematic farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 11, East Bend township, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Hardy county, West Virginia, June 23, 1837, and belongs to an old Virginian family of English origin. His father, Joseph Parker, was a native of Jefferson county, West Virginia, and there wedded Mary Jenkins, a native of the same state, and a daughter of Benjamin Jenkins. Both died in Hardy county, where the father was engaged in farming for many years. In their family were ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom four are still living, namely: Jane, wife of Washington Cook, of this county; Joseph J., a resident of Fayette county, Ohio; Eli, of Hardy county, West Virginia; and Isaac N., of this review.

Our subject grew to manhood in his native state, and at the opening of the Civil war was drafted in the Confederate army, but his sympathies being with the north, he enlisted August 4, 1862, in Company G, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. His first engagement was at Richmond, Kentucky, and was followed by the battles of Jackson, Mississippi, Black River Bridge, the siege of Vicksburg, the second battle of Jackson, and the engagement at Guntown, Mississippi, where he was taken prisoner, being held in captivity at Cahaba, Alabama, for nine months. After being exchanged at Black River Bridge, he started for home on the steamer Sultana, which was blown up near Memphis, Tennessee, sixteen hundred out of the twenty-three hundred on board being lost. The others were all more or less injured. Our subject was taken to Memphis, where he was cared for a short time, and was then sent up the river to Cairo, and on to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged in May, 1865.

Mr. Parker then went to Clark county, Ohio, where the family had removed during the war, and where he engaged in farming that summer. In the fall of 1865 he was married in Madison county, Ohio, to Miss

Lucinda R. Stanley, a native of that county, and a daughter of John Stanley, an old settler from North Carolina. By this union were born eight children who are still living: Mary, now the wife of George Seward, of Quincy, Illinois; Sarah, wife of Frank Boley, of Jackson, Mississippi; Frances, wife of Edward Wolever, a farmer of this county; Lulu, wife of Samuel Braden, a farmer of East Bend township; Charles Edward, who holds a business position in Elmwood, Illinois; John, who is employed in Quincy; Clarence Standley, who assists his father on the farm; and Frank, a student in the home school. Two children of this family died in infancy, and Etta May at the age of five months.

After his marriage Mr. Parker engaged in farming upon rented land in Clark county, Ohio, for several years, and in 1870 came to Champaign county, Illinois, and purchased forty acres of land in East Bend township, where he erected a small house, making that his home for four or five years. He then sold the place, and after renting another farm for two years he moved to the farm where he now resides, but did not purchase the place for some time afterward. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres, which is well tiled and under excellent cultivation, while the improvements thereon are good and substantial, including a comfortable residence erected by our subject.

By his ballot Mr. Parker supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has efficiently served as a member of the school board for a number of years, but has never cared for political preferment, although he always takes an active interest in everything tending to promote the public welfare. He is a member of Dewey Post, No. 282, G. A. R., and both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Harmony.

JOHN DAY has for thirty years been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Champaign county, and now owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, East Bend township. He was born on the 8th of March, 1824, in New Jersey, of which state his parents, Cornelius R. and Mary (Weatherholt) Day, were also natives. About 1828 the family removed to Ohio, becoming pioneers of Franklin county, where the father cleared and improved a farm, making his home there until called to his final rest.

Our subject is the oldest of a family of seven children and the only survivor. Amid pioneer scenes he grew to manhood upon a farm, and at an early day commenced earning his own livelihood by making rails, chopping wood and cradling grain. Being very active and rugged, he could endure much hard work, and became an expert in wielding a scythe and cradle. While in his prime he could easily cut and stack six acres of heavy wheat or oats in a day, and recalls with pleasure those early days when the men tried hard to follow him in the harvest field.

In the fall of 1862, Mr. Day was married in Fairfield county, Ohio, to Miss Emma Houck, who was born, reared and educated near Lancaster, that county. By this union were born four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Pearl W. is married and engaged in farming in Lee county, Illinois; Dwight follows the same occupation in Kansas; Ella M. is the wife of C. J. Ricker,

of Urbana, this county; and Harry A., who carries on the home farm, married Maggie Kennelley of Rantoul, and they have one daughter, Gladys M.

For about three years after his marriage Mr. Day continued to make his home in Ohio, engaged in farming and hauling wood, but in the fall of 1865 came to Illinois, and first located in Greenup, where he worked at making rails, digging wells, or anything by which he could earn an honest dollar. He also engaged in farming to some extent. In 1868 he removed to Woodford county, where he followed farming for a year, and then went to McLean county, where he was similarly employed until coming to Champaign county in 1870. He had previously purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, East Bend township, upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. The first year spent here he built a house and broke seventy acres of his land, and has since ditched and tiled the land, has built fences, a barn and other outbuildings, has planted an orchard, and made many other improvements upon the place, which add to its value and attractive appearance. Since locating here he has met with fair success and become quite well-to-do.

Mr. Day cast his first presidential ballot for Martin Van Buren, the Democratic candidate, but at national elections he now supports the Republican party, and in local affairs votes for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. His son Harry is a stanch Republican. Our subject and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are highly respected and esteemed in the community where they have so long made their home.

HENRY HUMMEL. Prominent among the agriculturists of East Bend township, who have witnessed almost the entire development of Champaign county, and who have, by honest toil and industry, succeeded in acquiring a competence, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is one of the most active and thrifty farmers of his community, and now owns and occupies a desirable farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 28, East Bend township, conveniently located within a mile and a half of Dewey.

Mr. Hummel was born in Germany, August 28, 1850, and was only about three years of age when brought by his parents to this country. His father is Philip Hummel, Sr., a retired farmer of Dewey, who is mentioned more fully in the sketch of Philip Hummel, Jr., on another page of this volume. After living in Kane county, Illinois, for about six years, the family came to Champaign county, in 1861, and located in East Bend township, where our subject grew to manhood and attended the public schools.

Mr. Hummel assisted his father in carrying on the home farm until twenty-seven years of age, when he was married, in Harwood township, this county, February 10, 1879, to Miss Mary Hannagan, who was born in Grundy county, Illinois. Her father, Felix Hannagan, a native of Ireland, was one of the early settlers of Tazewell county, and finally became a resident of Champaign county. Mrs. Hummel, was educated at the Normal in Bloomington, and for ten years successfully engaged in teaching school in this county. To our subject and his wife have been born the following children: Charles, Ella, Kate, Maggie, Aloysius and Jennie.

Prior to his marriage, Mr. Hummel had purchased a partially improved farm of eighty acres in East Bend township upon which he and his wife began their domestic life, and he has since added to it until he now has two hundred and forty acres of well improved and valuable land, besides five acres of timber. In connection with his farming operations, he has owned and operated a steam thresher and cornsheller in season for the past twenty-four years. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, progressive and methodical, and in all his undertakings has been remarkably successful. He is a stanch friend of the public schools, and has most capably served as a member of the school board in his district for a number of years. In his political affiliations he is a Republicnn, unwavering in his allegiance to that party since casting his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant in 1872. Mrs. Hummel is a member of the Catholic church of Rantoul.

JOHN F. TROTTER is a thrifty and progressive agriculturist, who is now successfully operating the old Trotter homestead of two hundred and forty acres on section 14, Newcomb township, Champaign county, Illinois. He was born in Clinton county, Indiana, April 7, 1852, a son of Hiram and Lydia (Allemang) Trotter, who were born, reared and married in Virginia. On leaving their native state the parents removed to Clinton county, Indiana, where the father engaged in farming for a few years, and then, in March, 1856, came to Champaign county, Illinois, locating upon the farm now occupied by our subject. At that time the land was all wild, and to its improvement and cultivation the father gave his time and attention for a number of years, but is now living retired in Fisher, at the age of eighty-seven years, his birth occurring in 1813. He was one of the active, enterprising and successful farmers of the county. His wife died on the old homestead in 1879, leaving nine children, four sons and five daughters, who are still living.

John F. Trotter was a child of four years when brought by his parents to this county, and amid pioneer scenes he grew to manhood, attending the common schools and aiding in the arduous task of transforming wild land into highly cultivated fields. He was married in this county January 20, 1876, to Miss Eliza Jane Funston, a native of Piatt county, Illinois. She received a good practical education and successfully engaged in teaching school prior to her marriage. Her father, J. H. Funston, was one of the early settlers of the county from Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Trotter have a family of four children, namely: Ira, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm; Maud, who has acquired a good education in the local schools and now holds a teacher's certificate; Grace, at home; and Daisy, who is attending the district school.

After his marriage Mr. Trotter located on a farm of eighty acres which he owned in Newcomb township, but after operating it four years, he sold out and moved to Nebraska in 1884, locating in Butler county, where he bought and improved a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. After residing there for a year, he sold his place and returned to this county, taking up his abode on the old homestead, which he has since carried on with marked success, being accounted one of the best and most successful farmers in Newcomb township.

Politically Mr. Trotter was formerly identified with the Democratic party, but now votes independent of party lines, endeavoring to support the men best qualified for the offices. He has served as township clerk two or three years, and in 1895 was elected collector, to which office he has been three times re-elected, being the present incumbent. He is a stanch friend of education and public schools, and for some years has been a member of the school board and is now president of the same. His official duties have always been most capably and satisfactorily discharged. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Fisher, and, together with his wife and children, he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Shiloh. For almost forty-four years he has been a resident of Champaign county, and has witnessed his wonderful growth and development. He has seen the swamps drained and transformed into fertile farms, has seen cities and villages spring up, and has seen the wolves, deer and other wild game disappear. He is widely and favorably known and has a host of warm friends in the community where almost his entire life has been passed.

WILLIAM H. COSNER. Indiana has contributed a large quota of the sturdy, energetic agriculturists of this country, and among them are to be found men of sterling worth and integrity, who have contributed much toward the development and improvement of the locality in which they settled. Prominent among these is Mr. Cosner whose home is on section 18, East Bend township, three and a half miles from Fisher.

This honored pioneer was born in Monroe county, Indiana, January 24, 1844, and is a son of Jacob L. Cosner, who was born in North Carolina, in 1822, and in 1831 removed to Indiana with his father, Henry Cosner, locating in Monroe county, where the latter opened a shop and engaged in blacksmithing. There the father of our subject grew to manhood, and spent his early life in making rails and working on a farm. He married Lettie A. Jordan, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of William Jordan, who removed from that state to Kentucky, and later to Indiana. In 1849 Mr. Cosner brought his family to Illinois, and after spending one year in Cass county came to Champaign county in the fall of 1850. He purchased forty acres of the farm where our subject now resides, and later added to it until he had one hundred and fifty-five acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and improved in an excellent manner. He was one of the thrifty farmers of East Bend township. Here he died February 21, 1896, at the age of seventy-four years, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife survives him and still resides on the old homestead at the age of seventy-seven years.

The only son of this worthy couple is William H. Cosner, our subject. He spent his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and received but limited educational advantages, though he later attended the Champaign Commercial School, and through his own efforts has become well informed. In early life he engaged in teaching school for one term of seven months. He never left the parental roof, and on reaching manhood took charge of the home farm, which he still operates. He owns a farm of eighty acres in the same

township, and as an agriculturist he has met with excellent success in his labors.

In Monroe county, Indiana, in the fall of 1872, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cosner and Miss Mary J. Gentry, who was born, reared and educated in that county, and is a daughter of James S. Gentry. By this union there is one child, Eliza Myrtle, now a student in the home school. Mr. Cosner, his wife and mother, all hold membership in the Methodist Protestant church, of East Bend township, and the family is one of the most prominent and highly respected in the community where they reside. Our subject has been a life-long Democrat, and has served one term as assessor of his township; was a member of the school board for several years; and is now president of the district. He is one of the oldest members of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Rantoul, with which he became connected in 1870. He now holds membership in Fisher Lodge, No. 704. He has filled all the chairs, and is now past grand. During his residence here he has seen the county transformed from an almost unbroken wilderness into a thickly populated district containing good schools, fine churches and beautiful homes and farms. Wolves, deer and other wild game have disappeared, railroads have been built, and towns and villages sprung up. In the work of advancement Mr. Cosner has always borne his part, and is justly numbered among the honored and valued citizens of his community.

JULIUS K. UNZICKER, a successful and prosperous farmer residing on section 13, Brown township, Champaign county, where he owns a fine farm of two hundred and seventy acres, pleasantly located three miles north of Fisher, is a native of Illinois, born in Tazewell county, July 18, 1864, and there grew to manhood, being reared to agricultural pursuits and educated in the district schools near his home.

Peter Unzicker, father of our subject, was born in Germany, and was a young man at the time of his emigration to the new world. He first located near Cincinnati, in Hamilton county, Ohio, where he married Catherine Kennel, who was also a German by birth, but was reared in Ohio. After farming in that state for a few years, they came to Illinois, in 1844, and settled in Tazewell county, where the father opened up a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1890. His wife died January 12, 1898.

The subject of this sketch remained with his father until the latter's death and then took charge of the home farm, which he carried on until coming to Champaign county, in 1893. Purchasing the place where he now resides he has since devoted his time and energies to its further improvements and cultivation, and now has one of the most desirable farms of its size in Brown township, it being supplied with all the accessories and conveniencies found upon a model farm of the present day.

In Tazewell county, Mr. Unzicker was married, in May, 1887, to Miss Mary H. Oesch, who was born in Elm Grove township, that county, near Pekin. Her father, Christian Oesch, was a native of Germany, and an early settler of Tazewell county, where he located when a young man, and where he was married. He is now living in Champaign county at the age of eighty-one years. As a farmer he met with excellent

success, becoming quite well-to-do. To our subject and wife have been born five sons, namely: Otto, Walter and Arthur, twins, Ezra and Roy.

By his ballot Mr. Unzicker has always supported the Democratic party since casting his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland, but he has never sought nor desired official honors. In religious belief he and his wife are German Baptists, and hold membership in the old Amish church in East Bend township. They are widely and favorably known and have made many warm friends during their residence in this county.

S G. STEVENSON. There is probably no man in East Bend township wider or more favorably known than Mr. Stevenson, who came to this county in pioneer days, and is recognized as one of the important factors in its progress and development. Throughout his entire business career he has engaged in agriculture pursuits, and now owns a good farm of one hundred acres on section 19, two and a half miles from Fisher.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Stevenson was born in Warren county, September 20, 1839, and is a son of Martin Stevenson, who was born in the same county in 1812. His paternal grandfather was Stephen Stevenson. The father grew to manhood in his native state, and then removed to Switzerland county, Indiana, where he wedded Mary F. Peabody, a native of that county, and a daughter of S. G. Peabody, a soldier of the war of 1812, who was born in Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers of Switzerland county, Indiana. Afler his marriage the father of our subject spent a few days in Pennsylvania, and then returned to Indiana, where he followed farming and also operated a grist and saw-mill. In the fall of 1850 he came to Champaign county, Illinois, and entered eighty acres of land in East Bend township, upon which our subject now resides, and the patent for which was signed by President Franklin Pierce. Before locating upon his own land he rented and operated a farm in Newcomb township for three years, and then removed to the farm which continued to be his home until called from this life in 1886. His wife survived him for a few years, passing away in 1890.

Our subject was a lad of eleven summers on the removal of the family to this county, and in its common schools he completed his education. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in July, 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Lester, and served with the Army of the Cumberland, under the command first of General Rosecranz and later General Sherman. He participated in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky; was next on patrol duty at Nashville, and later was in the engagements at Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and the Atlanta campaign, during which time he was under fire nearly every day. After the surrender of Jonesboro, the regiment went with Sherman on the march to the sea, was in the battle of Bentonville, and then marched through Richmond and on to Washington, D. C., where they participated in the grand review at the close of the war. Later they were mustered out and honorably discharged at Chicago, in June, 1865.

Mr. Stevenson lost very little time from

sickness or other causes during his service. After his return home he took charge of the farm, and cared for his parents in their declining years. In connection with the cultivation of his land, he has owned and operated a steam thresher, having been engaged in that business for nearly twenty years.

On the 26th of January, 1866, in East Bend township, Mr. Stevenson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Tucker, who was born in Ohio and came to this county with her father, John Tucker, about 1856. By this union were born the following children: Thomas Elmer, who died April 23, 1899; Elizabeth, now the wife of Fred Covert, of East Bend township; Addie, Gertie, Iva, Myra, Frank and George, all at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Stevenson has been identified with the Republican party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He is now acceptably serving his second term as commissioner of highways, and has been a member of the school board for some years. Socially he is a member of the Grand Army Post and the Odd Fellows Society of Fisher, and both he and his wife are earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Protestant church.

COLONEL SAMUEL T. BUSEY. It is not an easy task to describe adequately a man who has led an eminently active and busy life and who has attained to a position of high relative distinction in the more important and exacting fields of human endeavor. But biography finds its most perfect justification, nevertheless, in the tracing and recording of such a life history. It is, then, with a full appreciation of all that is demanded, and of the painstaking scrutiny that must be accorded each statement, and yet with a feeling of significant satisfaction, that the writer essays the task of touching briefly upon the details of such a record as has been the voice of the character of the honored subject whose life now comes under review. In the active affairs of life he has achieved most honorable and creditable success, yet has not labored alone for individual prosperity for his efforts have contributed to the general welfare along many lines.

Colonel Samuel T. Busey was born in Greencastle, Indiana, on the 16th of November, 1835, and is a son of Mathew Wales and Elizabeth (Bush) Busey, natives of Shelby county, Kentucky. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Busey, was born in Yadkin county, North Carolina, and was a son of Mathew Busey, who was probably born in Frederick county, Maryland. The family is of English lineage, the original American ancestors having located in Frederick county, Maryland, about the middle of the eighteenth century. Mathew Busey removed to North Carolina where he became associated with Daniel Boone, and married a relative of the noted Kentucky explorer. He accompanied Daniel Boone to the "dark and bloody ground," was in the fort at Boonesboro when it was besieged and was a companion of Boone in many of his adventures. His son, Samuel Busey, was captured by the Indians when a lad of twelve years and was carried far to the northward, but managing to make his escape from the Red Men he found his way home, guided by marks which he had apparently carelessly made on the way north in the hope that they might later prove of benefit to him.

Afterward the family removed to Shelby county, Kentucky, where Mathew Busey made his home until his death, becoming the owner of a large farm there.

Mathew Wales Busey, the second son of Samuel Wales, and the father of our subject, was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, in 1798, and during his boyhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Washington county, Indiana, where he married Elizabeth Bush, also a native of Shelby county. Soon afterward he removed to Putnam county, Indiana, where he was elected colonel of the state militia, which position he held until his removal to Illinois, when he was again elected colonel in that state. He was also chosen to represent his district in the General Assembly, filling that important office from 1840 to 1842. He also held several minor offices and was a recognized leader in public thought and action. For some years he made his home in Urbana, where he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick. His sons, Simeon H. and John S., were also members of the State Legislature. His death occurred in December, 1852, and his wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1880, at the age of eighty years.

Samuel T. Busey, their third son, was reared on a farm amid the wild scenes of frontier life and received his education in a log school-house. In 1857 he began merchandising in Urbana and for many years was an active factor in the business life of the city. In 1867, he and his brother, Simeon H., opened a private bank, which was conducted under the name of Busey Brothers & Company Banking Company, the Colonel giving to it his personal supervision and making it one of the most successful and reliable institutions of the kind in the county. He continued active connection therewith until 1888, when with a handsome capital he retired to enjoy a well-earned rest from business cares.

A public-spirited and progressive citizen, he has labored most earnestly and effectively for the welfare of the county, state and nation. In 1860 he was a Douglas Democrat, but after the inauguration of the war he became a strong supporter of the Lincoln administration, and in 1862 he disposed of his business interests, entering the recruiting service as second lieutenant of Company B, Seventy-sixth Illinois Infantry. He was made captain on its organization at Kankakee, August 7, 1862, was appointed lieutenant-colonel on the 12th of August and became colonel of the regiment in May, 1863. His command won distinction as being the best drilled regiment and best disciplined in the Army of Tennessee and was so mentioned by the inspector-general. After the siege of Vicksburg he refused the promotion to the rank of brigadier-general, and after the battle of Jackson he refused the command of the district of Natchez, Mississippi, preferring field service. He joined the Army of the Gulf, January 5, 1864, marched to Pensacola, Florida, and then proceeded north in March, 1865. At the siege of Fort Blakely, Alabama, he was wounded in the eye by the bursting of a shell, while landing the regiment in an assault on the fort. Three days later, on the 8th of April, single-handed, he engaged a gun squad inside the works, killing the gunner and dispersing the squad. He received a severe wound in the left thigh in that encounter. On account of his meritorious service he was brevetted on recommendation of his division commander, Major-General C. V. Andrews. With a most honor-

able war record Colonel Busey returned to his home, having on many a field of battle fought for the supremacy of the stars and stripes and the cause they represented.

He has been very prominent in public affairs, a recognized leader in thought and action, and his name is deeply engraved on the public records of the state. He was a candidate for the Legislature on the Democratic ticket in 1866, and for trustee of the Illinois University in 1888, but was defeated. His popularity in his own city, however, where he is best known, is most marked, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have five times elected him mayor of the city. During his service as the chief executive of Urbana, the water works system was established and the electric light system was put in. He gave to both measures his hearty endorsement, in fact has at all times supported every progressive measure having for its object the welfare and improvement of the city. He has been treasurer of the Democratic county committee for a number of years, and has taken a very active part in the work of the organization, doing all in his power to secure the adoption of the principles of Democracy. He was elected to the fifty-second Congress, wherein he served on the committees on banking and currency and on the District of Columbia. He was active in supporting Crisp for speaker, and through his influence in securing votes secured his election. He was also instrumental in calling up a bill demanding air brakes and couplers on trains and secured its passage. It was also through his efforts that the Sibley bill was defeated and that the amendment to the national bank bill—a very important measure, providing for an agent for banks that had been in the hands of a receiver,—was secured. The agent is to close up the affairs of the bank after the receiver has finished his work. This greatly simplifies matters and makes titles more secure in the sale of real estate, as in the old way it required a majority of the stockholders, while now the agent can sell real estate, and bring the business of the bank to a more speedy termination. In 1892 Colonel Busey was again the nominee of his party, but was defeated, although he ran fifteen hundred votes ahead of the rest of his ticket. He is public-spirited in an eminent degree; national progress and local advancement are causes both dear to his heart and his devotion to his country is above question.

The Colonel is a valued member of Black Eagle Post, of the Grand Army of the Republic, was active in its organization and was its first commander. He does all in his power to advance the interests of the local post, his opinions carry weight in its councils, and he has been chosen as its representative to the state encampments. He was also at one time a member of the Masonic fraternity and served as its secretary for several years, but has not been connected with the lodge since the war. His home life is very pleasant, and he is a man of strong domestic tastes. He wedded Miss Mary E. Bowen, of Delphi, Indiana, a daughter of Abner H. and Catherine Gay (Trowen) Bowen. Her mother was born in India, being a daughter of Rev. Trowen, one of the first Presbyterian missionaries to that land. He died in India and his widow afterward returned to Virginia, where she was arrested on account of teaching her negro servant how to read. Her persecution led to her removal to Delphi, Indiana. The marriage of Colonel and Mrs. Busey occurred December 25, 1877, and has been

blessed with three children—Marietta, Bertha and Charles B., all at home. His wife and children attend the Presbyterian church and the Colonel contributes liberally to its support.

With a capacity and experience which would enable him to fulfil any trust to which he might be chosen, he has never given much time to office seeking but has been content to do his duty where he could and and leave the self-seeking to others. Viewed in a personal light, he is a strong man, of excellent judgment, fair in his views, but strong in advancing ideas which he believes to be right. His friends are many, and on the list are numbered many who are numbered among the representative men of the state. His life has been manly, his action sincere, his manner unaffected and his example well worthy of emulation.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BURRES, M. D. The motto "merit always commands its reward" is well exemplified in the career of this gentleman. He early learned that knowledge is the key with which the poor boy can open the storehouse of the world and cull its choicest fruits, and the result is that he is now one of the most successful physicians and surgeons of Urbana, with office at No. 217 West Main street.

The Doctor was born in Coles county, Illinois, June 29, 1857, a son of George W. and Amanda J. (Woods) Burres. The father was born in Ohio and left an orphan at an early age. In 1836, when about four years old, he was brought to Coles county, Illinois, becoming one of the pioneers of that locality, where he subsequently engaged in farming for many years. For a time he carried the United States mail on horseback from Ashmore to Oakland, a distance of twelve miles, and served as deputy sheriff and constable in Coles county for some years. He and his wife are still living in Texas county, Missouri, the former at the age of sixty-four, the latter at the age of sixty-three years. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are highly respected by all who know them. Mrs. Burres was born in Stanton, Virginia, and is a representative on her mother's side of the Miller family, one of the old and prominent families of that state. At the age of six years she came with her parents in a covered wagon from Green Brier county, Virginia, to Edgar county, Illinois, and located near Grandview. The Doctor's parents were married March 11, 1856, and to them were born nine children: J. R., an attorney of Chicago; Ella, who for the past sixteen years has engaged in teaching school in Richland, Missouri; Charles, who died at the age of thirty-three years; John, who died at the age of twenty-two; Ira, who is engaged in farming in Kansas; Viola, wife of Peter Jensen, of Marissa, Illinois; Lewis, a resident of New York; and Florence, also a teacher in the schools of Richland, Missouri. Of the nine children, eight have followed the teacher's profession.

Dr. Burres, the eldest of this family, pursued his studies in the common schools until thirteen years of age, and among his early teachers he gratefully remembers W. C. Kimball, now deceased, of Ashmore, Illinois, and Dr. H. C. Hobart, now a practicing physician of that place. Next to his parents he feels more indebted to these two gentlemen than to any one for many favors and acts of kindness received at their hands.

At the age of thirteen he removed with his parents to Douglas county, where he worked on a farm for several years. Feeling the need of a better education, he entered Asbury (now DePauw) University, at Greencastle, Indiana, in 1875, and being without means worked his way through college. He arrived at that place just after having a chill, and the recollection of that with other things which closely followed has left a very vivid picture on his mind. One of these was that he had only one dollar remaining after paying his matriculation fee and tuition and buying some books which were needed to carry on his studies, but those were happy days and the year soon passed, leaving him much better physically and mentally notwithstanding the fact that while not engrossed in study he was working for his board most of the time. The following year he attended the Wesleyan University of Illinois, at Bloomington, where he paid his bills by carrying coal for the Munselian Hall. He then took the place of his brother, J. R., upon the farm, and engaged in agricultural pursuits through the summer and teaching during that winter, that his brother might attend the law department of the Illinois Wesleyan University.

In 1876 Mr. Burres took up the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Dunn, a homeopathic physician of Bloomington, with whom he remained three months, and later was in the office of Dr. Wagner, of Newman, Illinois. He then attended Rush Medical College, of Chicago, for one term, and at the end of that time passed the required examination before the board of health and was licensed to practice, but the following year he returned to college and was graduated with the class of 1882. Locating at Sidney, Illinois, he was successfully engaged in practice at that place for several years and served as local surgeon of the Wabash Railroad for twelve years. In the meantime he took a post-graduate course at Rush Medical College in 1895, and on the 1st of May, 1899, went to London, England, where he made a study of hospital work, remaining there until the following fall. During this time he made special study of children's diseases, receiving a certificate from the Children's Hospital at that place. On his return to this country he decided to sell his practice in Sidney and come to Urbana, where he is already meeting with well-deserved success, his skill and ability being soon recognized. While a resident of Sidney he was a member of the Wabash Surgeons Association, has also served as president of the Champaign County Medical Society for one term, and holds membership in London Medical Graduates Polyclinic.

Dr. Burres was married November 23, 1882, to Miss Allie Coolley and they have one child, Opal, now fourteen years of age. Mrs. Burres is the eldest daughter of Rev. C. P. Coolley and the granddaughter of Rev. Jonathan Coolley, one of the pioneer ministers of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mrs. Burres was born at Newman, Illinois, where she was married to the Doctor on her twentieth birthday, November 23, 1882. In deference to the wishes of the Doctor she has always maintained her relation to the Presbyterian church, thus cherishing the memory and ministerial work of her ancestors who have been so devoted to that denomination, her father having been for some time the financial agent of Lincoln University and at this time pastor for the Presbyterian church of Virginia, Illinois.

Politically Dr. Burres is identified with the Republican party, and socially, affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor, while religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his wife of the Presbyterian. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman, who is held in high regard by all who know him, and has already made many friends in Urbana.

CHARLES M. BRIDGES. The families from which our subject has descended were prominent and honored ones of Virginia, and his father, Dr. Vernon Bridges, was a representative member of the medical profession in Mattoon, Illinois, for many years and his fame was not confined to his own state or community. Born in Virginia, he became a resident of Charleston, Illinois, when about twenty years of age, and having been graduated in Rush Medical College, of Chicago, and in Bellevue College, New York, embarked in practice. At the first call for defenders of the Union, in the Civil war, he promptly proffered his services, and was connected with the Seventy-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. During the almost five years of his army life, he made a splendid record, and for some time was the assistant surgeon in the brigade commanded by General Grant, and continued to serve as surgeon during the entire war. Subsequently he was appointed to act as a member of the local pension board, and continued to serve thereon until his death. In the meantime, President Cleveland had appointed another man to the place, but as the remaining members of the board refused to act with the newcomer, Dr. Bridges was reinstated. This action faintly indicates the popularity of the Doctor, and the high regard in which his opinions were held by his colleagues. He was a great student, and contributed numerous notable articles on timely subjects relating to his profession, to medical journals of high rank, and upon several occasions he gave lectures before the various medical societies with which he was connected. Politically, he was an ardent Republican, and at one time his friends brought forward his name as a candidate for the Legislature, but his own party being in a minority he was defeated. Fraternally, he was a Mason. He was a man of fine constitution and hardly knew what illness meant for himself until he was stricken with pneumonia in 1895, and died in the sixty-ninth year of his age. His loss is deeply felt in the community where he so long made his home, and where his influence was always exercised for truth and right.

The first marriage of Dr. Vernon Bridges was to Mary E. Boyd, who, with her parents, John A. and Rebecca Boyd, were natives of Kentucky. The father lived to the advanced age of ninety years and the mother was seventy-six years old when called to her reward. They were loyal members of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Bridges and wife identified themselves with the Christian church, and continued active workers for Christian unity and primitive Christianity as long as they lived. Mrs. Bridges was summoned to her reward when she was in her fifty-seventh year. Subsequently the Doctor married Miss Jennie Cushman, of Mattoon, who survives him, and with their thirteen-years-old daughter, Marion, is still making her home in Mattoon. Of the four children

born to Dr. Bridges and his first wife, the eldest, Emma, who was a successful music teacher, died at the age of twenty-one years, and the youngest, Edward, passed to the better land when he was seven years of age. Flora, who was graduated in the Mattoon high school, and in Oberlin (Ohio) College, received such high honors in the last-named institution that she was awarded a scholarship prize, consisting of a two-years course in a German university. Upon her return she accepted the chair of Greek in Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and later occupied the same chair in Butler University, near Indianapois. At present she is teaching both Latin and Greek in the Mount Olivet (Michigan) schools, and is steadily progressing in her chosen avocation.

Charles M. Bridges was born in Coles county, Illinois, July 12, 1861, and was a pupil in the public schools of Mattoon, and later of Lee's Academy, near his home town. After spending four terms in the academy, he went to the Illinois State University for a year. Having been called home by the illness and death of his mother, he then decided to commence earning his own livelihood entirely, and to that end accepted the first opportunity which presented itself — this proving to be a clerkship in the Mattoon general store. About a year later he went to Caldwell, Kansas, where he was similarly employed for two years more. Acting upon his father's suggestion he returned home in 1884 and entered the competitive examinations for a lieutenancy in the regular army. The result was highly creditable to him, on the whole, but his average was materially lowered on account of the questions in astronomy, which branch of learning he had never studied.

About this time he obtained his initial experience in railroading as fireman in the employ of the Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad, but had made only four trips when by the carelessness of another man the end of his thumb was smashed. He then obtained a position as a teacher in Little Rock, and successfully conducted a school for four terms. Finally he returned to Mattoon and obtained a situation as voucher clerk for the St. Louis division of the Big Four Railroad, with which corporation he has since been connected. In 1885 he was sent to Urbana as assistant clerk in the motive power department, and in 1886 was chief clerk; in 1898 was made round-house foreman, and in 1899 was made general foreman, and is still serving in that capacity, one of the most reliable and trusted employees of the company. He now has the general supervision of the locomotive department of the Big Four shops. When a resident of Mattoon he was a member of the Sons of Veterans, and during the Spanish-American war he assisted in raising a company in Urbana. The quota of Illinois being filled, they were not called upon, but retained the organization for some time in order to respond to an emergency call, should any come. During the great strike at Pana Mr. Bridges and his comrades assembled and made preparations to do their duty as soldiers, but, fortunately, the matter was adjusted without bloodshed.

The marriage of Mr. Bridges and Miss E. M. Gray occurred April 14, 1884. She is one of the five children of George and Rosa Gray, the former a native of Durham, England, and the latter of Illinois. Robert, her eldest brother, is foreman in the boiler shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Trinidad, Colorado. John, the next in order of birth, is taking a post-

graduate course in the University of Illinois, and at the same time is serving on the reportorial staff of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, Times-Herald, and the St. Louis Globe. Albert, who resides with his parents in Urbana, is a member of the high-school class of 1900, and is the president of his literary society.

Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Bridges are members of the Christian church, and are deeply interested in whatever makes for the uplifting of humanity. He is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and uses his franchise in favor of the nominees of the Republican party.

WILLIAM SIM, deceased, was one of the founders and foremost citizens of Urbana, and to his posterity he has left an unblemished name and record, of which they may justly be proud. Though he was actively engaged in business here, from the time when the now flourishing city was a mere hamlet until he was called to the silent land, a few years ago, he maintained a high standard of rectitude in all his dealings and won the admiration and genuine esteem of all who knew him.

The Sim family, which had the blood of the Bruces flowing in their veins, espoused the Stuart cause in their native Scotland, and when they were defeated and their large estates confiscated, three Sim brothers cast in their lot with the American colonies. Colonel Joseph Sim, one of them, fought with Generals LaFayette and Green, in the Revolutionary war, and subsequently settled in Frederick county, Maryland. Anthony, son of Colonel Joseph Sim, also made a permanent location in Frederick county, and at his death he left two sons, Joseph W. and Thomas.

The former, Joseph W. Sim, father of our subject, was born and reared in Maryland, and there married a lady of that state, Keturah Mercer, who was of French lineage. They removed to the vicinity of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in the spring of 1831, and in the spring of 1854 they came to Champaign county and located upon the Isaac Downs farm, a mile and a half from Urbana. Subsequently they removed to the village, where he died at an advanced age. The wife and mother was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom ten grew to maturity. One of the number was the mother of John Nelson, once chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, and minister to France. The only survivor of this large family is Keturah, wife of William Hessler, of Chicago.

The birth of William Sim occurred November 2, 1825, in Maryland and in his youth he received a good education. After completing his common school studies, he commenced teaching, in order to obtain the means to pay his way through Martinsburg Academy. Later he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. Subsequently he taught in the high school at Fredericksburg, Ohio, and in 1853 he came to Urbana, where he had charge of a school for three years.

At the end of that period Mr. Sim embarked in the drug business, in what has been known for years as the Sim Drug Company, of Urbana. Until 1861 he was in partnership with Dr. C. A. Hunt and M. Lindley, and later he was associated with John T. Farson for three years. From that time forward Mr. Sim was in business

alone, and by good methods and square dealing won the regard and patronage of the public. He accumulated considerable property in the course of a few years, owning the business block occupied by his store, and a desirable residence, besides his extensive drug stock and other investments.

The marriage of Mr. Sim and Lucinda Lindley took place August 9, 1853. She is a daughter of Mahlon and Anna (Wolfe) Lindley, who were natives of Ohio, and owned a valuable farm near Fredericks-town, that state. The father lacked but three months of ninety years at the time of his death, and the mother died nine months before, aged about seventy-five years. They were earnest and zealous members of the Presbyterian church. They had eight children, namely: Jane, deceased, was the wife of Rev. Dr. Sweaney; Joseph, who died in Florida, where he owned an orange grove, was a graduate of Kenyon College, and for years was a teacher in the Episcopal Female Seminary; James W. died at the age of seventy-six years, January, 1899; Phœbe is the widow of Rev. Doolittle, of the Episcopal church, and is a resident of Mansfield, Illinois; John W., who resides on the old homestead in Knox county, Ohio, is a graduate of Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, where he had the honor of initiating into the literary society the gentleman since known as president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison; Mrs. Sim; Jacob, whose wife, Almira (Green) Lindley, is deceased, lives upon a farm in northern Illinois; and Dr. Mahlon Lindley is a prominent physician of Urbana. The six brothers and sisters then living met at the home of Mrs. Sim, in Urbana, in October, 1898, the first time they had been together in happy reunion in forty years.

Mrs. Sim attended the schools of Hagerstown and Martinsburg Academy in her native state, Ohio. She came to Urbana a bride, determined to prove herself a true helpmate to her husband, and well did she carry out her resolve. To them six children were born. Anna, who is the widow of A. B. Shuck, of Urbana, has one child, Helen; Coler L., who graduated in the University of Illinois, class of '77, married Nellie Huntoon, and has two children, Arthur B. and Nellie. He formerly was engaged in the drug business in Topeka, Kansas, and at present is carrying on a real estate business in Wichita, same state. Edward T. and Frank B. are enterprising druggists at Topeka, Kansas. Edward married Belle Young and Frank chose Nellie Morris as a wife. The latter couple have two children, Zenorah and Anna. Walter T., of St. Louis, is a traveling salesman for a prominent drug house, and his wife formerly was Miss Emma Coogan. William, a graduate of the Urbana high school and of the School of Pharmacy, of Chicago, is a practical druggist, and since his father's death has had charge of the drug store so long ago established by his senior.

In 1849 Mr. Sim united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and for just forty years he was actively connected with all of the enterprises of that great denomination. He occupied some official position in the church nearly all of the time of his membership, and liberally contributed to its maintenance. Upon the organization of the Republican party he became affiliated with that body, and for twenty-eight years he served as school treasurer of Urbana township. During that time many thousands of dollars passed through his hands, and every cent was accounted for by him in

his usual systematic manner. The life of this noble Christian man came to a close May 22, 1889, when he was in his sixty-fourth year. Mrs. Sim and several of her children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. She resides in the attractive home provided for her by her husband on West Green street.

WILLIAM F. MORGAN, an old and honored resident of Champaign, Illinois, where he has made his home since 1862, was born in Carlysle, Nicholas county, Kentucky, April 19, 1813, and is a son of Gerard and Sarah (Sanderson) Morgan, both natives of Virginia and early settlers of Kentucky. The father was born in Goochland county, Virginia, October 28, 1772, and died in March, 1814, and the mother was born in 1777, and died in Covington, Kentucky, in 1848. After the father's death, when our subject was fifteen years of age, the mother moved to Greensburg, Indiana, where she purchased a farm. She was left with seven children, namely: John S.; James; Woodson; Gerard; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Jemison; Mary, who married a Mr. Hamilton; and William F., our subject. The family became quite prominent in Kentucky politics, John S. serving as a member of the state legislature and senate; James, a member of both the lower house and senate; and Woodson, of the senate.

William F. Morgan remained on his mother's farm in Greensburg, Indiana, until he attained his majority and then removed to his native county in Kentucky, where he clerked in his brother John's store at Carlysle for two years, at the end of which time he brought out the business, continuing to successfully engage in general merchandise at that place for two or three years on his own account. He then removed to the neighboring town of Moorefield, where he engaged in the same line of business for some time.

While there Mr. Morgan was married, in 1838, to Miss Ann T. Bruce, of Fleming county, Kentucky, who was born June 9, 1818, a daughter of Henry and Eleanor (Threlkeld) Bruce, natives of Virginia, who were married January 11, 1798. The father was born October 30, 1777, and when fifteen years of age removed to Kentucky with his father, George Bruce, who was of Scotch descent, and died in Scottsville, Kentucky. Mrs. Morgan's maternal grandfather, Benjamin Threlkeld, spent his last years as a farmer in Mason county, Kentucky. Her mother was born in King George county, Virginia, May 15, 1778, and died April 6, 1863, and her father departed this life July 10, 1855.

After his marriage Mr. Morgan continued in business in Moorefield, Kentucky, until 1844, when he returned to Carlysle, where he followed farming for a short time, and later engaged in the same pursuit in Fleming county, Kentucky, but at the end of five years he resumed merchandising, to which he devoted his attention until coming to Champaign. He also served as postmaster of Elizaville, Kentucky. In June, 1862, he came to Champaign county with his family, and at first operated a rented farm of six hundred and forty acres. Subsequently he purchased a farm near Savoy, which he improved and cultivated until his removal to the city of Champaign in 1870. He was one of the first express agents of the city and filled that position for about seven

years, since which time he has lived a retired life. In 1875 he bought a good brick residence at No. 10 North Hickory street, which is now in the center of the city, and which is still his home. He and his wife are leading and influential members of the Baptist church of Champaign, of which he was a deacon for many years and his name appears on one of the memorial windows of the new church.

To this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: Lucinda Bruce, born December 31, 1839, is the wife of Rev. W. T. Green, a Baptist missionary, now in Mexico City, Mexico, who has founded churches at that place and also in San Lois Potosi and Puebla; Amelia I., born March 3, 1842, is the widow of P. Richards, who is represented on another page in this volume; Gerard, born April 10, 1844, is a resident of Peoria, Illinois; Henry B., born September 30, 1847, is a prominent citizen of Peoria, where he has served as postmaster for four years, and is now president of the water works company; Woodson, born February 19, 1849, is a photographer of Champaign; Elizabeth, born April 17, 1851, married S. C. Knight, of Champaign, and died August 27, 1875; William B., born December 29, 1853, is a photographer of Louisvilie, Kentucky; Anna, born May 19, 1856, died October 26, 1870; Millard M., born January 15, 1858, is a photographer of Chicago; and James, born December 18, 1861, is now assistant managing editor of the Boston Globe, of Boston, Massachusetts.

REV. ISAAC GROVES. "Excellence encourages us about life in general," says that thoughtful observer, George Eliot. This saying is true even in the case of that careful discharge of duty which leads to well-doing in worldly enterprises, but the life which reveals religious ardor and suggests the uplifting force of consecrated purpose does indeed demonstrate to humanity new and lofty possibilities. The life of Mr. Groves has been a constant inspiration to those who have seen his zealous and untiring work in the advancement of the cause of religion. After a long life of usefulness, he is now living retired at his pleasant home in Champaign.

Mr. Groves was born in Cerneabbas, Dorsetshire, England, January 28, 1823, a son of John and Elizabeth (Tabra) Groves, who spent their entire lives at that place, which was the old ancestral home of the family for many generations. The father was a gardener, having charge of the gardens of an estate. The mother was a member of the Congregational church.

Our subject was educated in the schools of his native place and remained with his parents until his marriage, in 1848, Miss Elizabeth Vawter becoming his wife. At the age of eighteen years he united with the Wesleyan Methodist church, and was a local preacher, being licensed to preach in 1845. On the 27th of January, 1848, he started for America, and in this country first made his home at Woodburn, Macoupin county, Illinois. The following year he joined the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and was located at different places in the central part of the state. His wife died in Marshall, in 1852, leaving two daughters: Elizabeth J., now the wife of Hugh Mitchell, of Dickerson, Illinois, and Harriet A., wife of Thomas Foster, of Sac county, Iowa. Mr. Groves was again married, December 26, 1852, his second union

being with Mary E. Cole, of Casey, Illinois, a daughter of John and Eleanor (Harris) Cole, natives of Maryland, who came to this state when Mrs. Groves was a little girl. The father purchased a large tract of land and laid out the town of Casey, near which place both he and his wife died. They were leading members of the Methodist Episcopal church at that place. By his second marriage Mr. Groves has two sons: John I. is engaged in the practice of medicine in Champaign and also looks after his father's farming interests. He married Eliza L. Burton, and has one child, Eva. Charles W. is superintendent of the Dixon schools. He married Dora Tribune, of Bement, and they have two children: Pauline and Charles Harold.

Mr. Groves' first pastoral charge in this country was at Staunton, Macoupin county, Illinois, and second at Freemanton Mission, Fayette county, where he built a church and had many additions. At Salem he also built a church, his denomination having no house of worship in the county seat of Marion county, and while there he filled twenty-four appointments. At Marshall, Clark county, he built a parsonage, had a goodly number of conversions, and left twenty-two appointments where he had only found nineteen. He went with Peter Cartwright to Virginia, Illinois, where he built a church; also built another at Chandlerville, where he held four revivals at which many were converted; finished another in Newmansville, the same county; raised one thousand dollars for a fourth church built after he left; and also built a parsonage at Chandlerville which is still occupied. He then went with Dr. Cartwright to Pleasant Plains, where he had charge of a well-to-do circuit, and while there built a parsonage and church near Springfield. He next went to Shelbyville, where he held a splendid revival and built a parsonage. Among his Sunday school scholars at that place was George Wendling, the lecturer. After filling a number of appointments in that circuit, he was sent to the Edgar circuit, which, being quite large, kept him away from home most of the time, as was true of most circuits. There he built a church, held some glorious meetings, and had many conversions. He was next pastor of the church at Sullivan, where he built a church; finished one at Lovington; held a good revival at Monticello and built a church at Bement; built another and also a parsonage at Fairmount; finished one at Sidney; and raised four thousand dollars for one at Homer; and built another on Georgetown circuit called McKendree chapel. He also held revival meetings at Sidney and Fairmount. He next went to Camargo, Douglas county, where he remodeled and rededicated a church; and from there came to the Urbana circuit, where he built churches at Ogden and Mayview, and held a good meeting at Ogden; next at Mansfield where he had a glorious revival at Shiloh. He was next connected with the Pilot circuit and built a church north of Oakwood; held a fine revival in Rankin circuit. Fine meetings at Gifford; built another church in Somer township, Champaign county, which he called Carley chapel; and held meetings in De Witt and Deland, the best in the history of the church. He then returned to Gifford for two years.

After this Mr. Groves took supernumerary relations with the conference, and has made his home in Champaign since 1878, but has supplied many pulpits in this part of the state. About ten years ago, owing to the ill health of his wife, he went to

Hammond, Louisiana, which was then a new place, and there he organized a society of the Methodist Episcopal church, and secured the means to build a church. He spent two winters at that place. Since then he has not engaged in any regular ministerial work, but frequently assists other preachers. Having seen so many worn out people of his profession, who in their old age had no means of support, he saved some of his salary and purchased government land, which he continued to own until he retired from the ministry, and then sold and bought farms in this county. By his foresight and self-denial in early life, he is now independent and can enjoy his well earned rest surrounded by the comforts of life. He is widely known throughout central Illinois, where he has labored so long and earnestly in the Master's cause, and it is safe to say that no citizen of Champaign county is more honored or highly respected than Rev. Isaac Groves.

S C. BRIGGS, a prominent locomotive engineer on the Big Four Railroad, residing at No. 212 West High street, Urbana, Illinois, was born in Piscataquis county, Maine, October 11, 1840, and is a son of Solomon and Ruth (Curtis) Briggs, who spent their entire lives in that state. The father, who was by occupation a farmer and merchant, was widely and favorably known and held a number of minor offices. He died at the age of seventy-four years, the mother at the age of forty-five, when our subject was quite young. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their children were Judson, a resident of Brownsville, Maine; Vesta A., a resident of the same place; Octavia, deceased wife of Alonzo Lane; Gistavus, who died young; Salmon Curtis, our subject; Sarah A., a widow living in Maine; Frank M., also a resident of that state; Clara, who died at about the age of twenty years; and Charles.

During his boyhood our subject pursued his studies in the schools of Parkman, Maine, and when his education was completed worked on a farm for his brother, Judson. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth United States Infantry, which at different times was under the command of Generals McClellan, Meade and Burnside. He participated in the first and second battles of Fredericksburg, and was under General Burnside in the battle of Gettysburg, where the regiment lost all but eighty of its men. Here Mr. Briggs was wounded in the left arm and back of the neck, and was left on the battlefield for about a week, after which he was taken to the Ladies' Home Hospital in New York City, and two months later transferred to Fort Preble, Portland, Maine. His command had charge of three forts—Preble, Scamble and Gorges, the latter being at the entrance of Portland Harbor. After having served his country faithfully for three years Mr. Briggs was honorably discharged July 3, 1865.

On his return home he resumed farming, but having received a sunstroke while in the service, he found that he was unable to engage in that occupation. From October, 1869, to October, 1870, he was employed as a fireman on an engine on the old I. B. & W. Railroad, now the Big Four, with which he has since been connected, having served as engineer since the latter year. He is one of the most reliable and trusted employes of

the road, and has the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life.

On the 28th of February, 1861, Mr. Briggs married Miss Ruth B. Daggett, a daughter of Elisha and Augusta (Bolster) Daggett, also natives of Maine, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. The father was a carpenter and contractor, and in early life engaged in teaching school during the winter, while he worked at his trade through the summer months, but later turned his attention to farming. He served as superintendent of schools, and was one of the three selectmen of his town and township. He was born December 19, 1802, and died in 1877, but his wife, who was born February 12, 1812, is still living in Maine. In religious belief he is a Universalist. In their family were seven children: Albion is a resident of Macon, Illinois. Lydia died at the age of eighteen months. Henry and Franklin, twins, were members of Company F, Twentieth Maine Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and after serving a year and a half the latter died at the age of twenty-five years. The former is now a resident of Milo, Maine. Mrs. Briggs is the next in order of birth. Thomas was a member of the same company as his brothers in the Civil war, and is now a resident of Foxcroft, Maine. Simeon died in 1863, at the age of eighteen years. Our subject and his wife have two daughters, Lenora and Grace A.

In politics Mr. Briggs is a Republican, and is an admirer of President McKinley. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he has nearly always held office. Both he and his wife have long been earnest members of the Presbyterian church, and in many respects his life is well worthy of emulation, as he never uses tobacco or liquors in any form. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, and justly merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

LESLIE ALVORD WEAVER, a prominent and successful young attorney of Champaign, Illinois, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 21, 1872, and is a son of Benjamin and Martha M. (Campbell) Weaver. His paternal grandparents were Bartholomew Knox and Mary (Chamberlain) Weaver, residents of Albany and Schenectady, New York. The maternal grandfather, Alonzo Campbell, also came from eastern New York, but early in the '40s removed to Danville, Illinois, locating about fourteen miles northwest of that city, at what is now known as the old Campbell homestead. He was a man of standing in the community, was quite prominent in political affairs and held different local offices. He died in August, 1871. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Julia Eldridge, was born north of Troy, New York. His father was Mervin Campbell.

The father of our subject was born in Schenectady, New York, May 1, 1847, and was educated there. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, becoming a member of the Ninety-first New York Volunteer Infantry. He participated in all of the engagements of that regiment, including the battle of the Wilderness, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged and returned to Troy, New York, from which place he had enlisted. He studied short hand under Graham, the founder of the system that bears that

name, and after being employed in the east for a time, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, being the first stenographer to locate west of the Alleghany mountains. He has always made a specialty of reporting for medical, railroad and other conventions, and while in Cleveland made that his principal business. After residing there for several years he moved to Danville, Illinois, and for twenty years served as the official court reporter of the old thirteenth congressional district. Altogether he has filled that office for twenty-four years. He is still a resident of Danville. There he was married, in 1870, to Miss Martha M. Campbell, and they have three children, Leslie A., Edith M. and Ben Perley.

Leslie A. Weaver was six years old when brought by his parents to Danville, Illinois, and his early education was obtained in the public schools of that city, graduating from the high school in the class of 1890. In the fall of that year he entered the University of Illinois at Champaign, and was graduated from that institution in 1894 with the degree of B. L. He then took up the study of law with Calhoun & Steeley, of Danville, and after spending one year with them entered the office of Gere & Philbrick as a student and stenographer in 1885. He was admitted to the bar at Springfield, in November, 1896, but continued with that firm for a year longer, and in September, 1897, formed a partnership with F. G. Carnahan, under the firm name of Weaver & Carnahan. They opened an office at their present location, and are now successfully engaged in the general practice of law. They already occupy an enviable position at the bar of Champaign county, and from the start have been remarkably successful.

On the 8th of June, 1898, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage with Miss Eunice McC. Sheldon, of Urbana, a daughter of Clarence C. Sheldon, and granddaughter of Hon. J. C. Sheldon, ex-senator. Her father, who was the founder of the Sheldon Brick Company, died in 1891. Our subject and his wife have one child, Dorothy.

As a Republican Mr. Weaver takes an active interest in political affairs, but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is a member of Western Star Lodge, F. & A. M.; the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and the society of that order; and also of the Delta Tau Delta, a college fraternity. He is popular in social as well as professional circles, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

CHARLES P. HOFFMANN, M. D., the leading physician and surgeon of Sadorus, Illinois, was born in Greenup, Kentucky, August 21, 1873, and is a son of John E. and Carrie (Eberwein) Hoffmann, both of whom were born in Germany and when young came with their respective parents to America, locating in Kentucky, where their marriage was celebrated. The father was but nine years of age when the family settled near Greenup, in 1853, and there he grew to manhood. On the completion of his education he learned the butcher's trade, and followed it for twenty-seven years, owning a large establishment and supplying to the public large quantities of meat. He also bought stock for shipment for a number of years. He prospered in his undertakings, meeting with most excellent success, and he is now practically living retired at Greenup, enjoying his wealth in true southern style,

having laid aside his business cares in 1890. He has been an extensive traveler, and has that broad and liberal knowledge of men and affairs which only travel can bring. In his family are three sons: John, who is a graduate from the Miami Medical College, and has been successfully engaged in practice at Pesotum, Illinois, for the past ten years; George F., a druggist of Pesotum, formerly of Toledo, Ohio; and Charles P., our subject. All are married and have families.

Dr. Hoffmann, whose name introduces this review, acquired his early education in the public schools of Greenup, Kentucky, graduating there in 1890. He then entered the State University at Columbus, Ohio, where he pursued his studies for one year, and was next a student of Ada University, where he graduated in 1892 with the degree of B. S. Coming to Pesotum, Champaign county, Illinois, he read medicine with his brother until the fall of 1892, when he entered the Miami Medical College and took a complete course, graduating in 1896. The same year he located in Sadorus, Illinois, where he rented an office for a year. Meeting with most wonderful success in his chosen profession, he then leased a lot and erected thereon a comfortable office, and also bought a residence in the place. He now enjoys a large and lucrative practice, which not only embraces the villages but extends many miles throughout the surrounding country. He is a lover of fine horses and now has in his possession three very fine blooded animals.

In 1898 Dr. Hoffmann was united in marriage with Miss Beatrice Styan, who was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1878, and came with her parents from that country to the new world, the family locating in Sadorus township, Champaign county, Illinois. There were five sons and three daughters, all of whom are still living in this county, with the exception of two sons, who are engaged in farming in Mississippi. The Doctor and his wife have one son, Carl B. M., who was born January 6, 1899, and is the pride of the household.

Politically Dr. Hoffmann is an ardent Republican and an active worker for the interests of his party. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic fraternities, and is also a member of and examining physician of the Modern Woodmen of America and Court of Honor at Sadorus, and examiner for some of the neighboring lodges in Colfax township. As a physician he has been quite successful and his ability is widely recognized. He is young, ambitious and very popular, and undoubtedly a brilliant future awaits him in his chosen calling.

CAPTAIN THOMAS J. SMITH, a prominent attorney of Champaign, and trustee of the University of Illinois, was born near Kingwood, Preston county, Virginia, July 4, 1843, a son of Jacob and Celia (Shaw) Smith, natives of the same locality, where the father followed farming for some years. Our subject's paternal grandfather was Henry Smith, of the same place, and his maternal grandfather was Colonel Shaw, an officer in the Revolutionary war. From their native state the parents removed to Logan county, Ohio, where the father engaged in farming for several years on quite an extensive scale, but spent his last days in retirement from active business in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and some ten years prior removed to near Muncie, Indiana, where he died in November, 1885,

and the mother in 1860, at Bellefontaine, Ohio. Both were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics the father was first a Whig and later a Republican.

During his boyhood and youth Captain Smith attended the district schools of Logan county, Ohio, and the high school of Bellefontaine. After leaving the latter institution he taught school in that state for one year, and in 1862 removed to Clay county, Illinois, where he followed the same pursuit for a year. While there he enlisted as a private in Company F, Ninety-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Centralia, in July, 1862. From there he proceeded with his command to Louisville, Kentucky, and on to Atlanta with Rosecrans, Sherman and Thomas. At Murfreesboro, Tennessee, he was made second lieutenant; immediately after the battle of Stone River was promoted to first lieutenant, and prior to the battle of Chickamauga was commissioned captain of his company, in which capacity he served until the close of the war, being mustered out in 1865.

After the war Captain Smith came to Champaign and opened a law office, having previously prepared for that profession while teaching school and been admitted to the bar just before entering the service. For two years he was in partnership with Colonel Langley, but since 1867 has been alone in business. He is engaged in general practice in the federal and state courts, and is also attorney for the Wabash Railroad. His practice is very large and lucrative, and he has met with most excellent success in his chosen calling.

On the 25th of January, 1864, Captain Smith was united in marriage with Miss Tina W. Weeden, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. They are both active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been trustee and steward at different times for twenty years. In his political views he is a stanch Republican, but has never sought office, though he served as city attorney in early life. He was elected a trustee of the University of Illinois on the ticket with President McKinley, in 1896, by a majority of one hundred and forty-seven thousand, and has since served in that capacity. During his term the library building has been completed, and the agricultural building, the largest of its kind in the country, is now in course of construction. Fraternally he is a member of Colonel Nodine Post, G. A. R., and Champaign Lodge, F. & A. M. As a lawyer he ranks among the best in the city, and as a citizen is pre-eminently public spirited and progressive.

OREN B. SAWDEY is an energetic and progressive business man of Gifford, Champaign county, Illinois, who is now devoting his attention to the manufacture of harness, saddlery, etc. He also deals in factory-made articles along that line, and has built up an excellent trade.

Mr. Sawdey was born in Wayne county, N. Y., December 28, 1830, and when a child of six years was taken to Ohio by his parents, Elijah R. and Catherine (Briggs) Sawdey, also natives of the Empire state and prosperous farming people. His maternal grandfather was Jeremiah Briggs, of Wayne county, New York. After a short time spent in Ohio, the family removed to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where they followed farming near Jamestown, and where our subject obtained his education

in the district schools. He assisted his father in the labors of the farm until 1848, when they came to Stephenson county, Illinois, and engaged in agricultural pursuits there. The father died near Warren, that county, in 1863, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother passed away in the same county in 1848.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in their family of nine children, and has one brother and two sisters still living, namely: Catherine J., born in New York state in 1834, is the wife of Marona Parson, a wealthy retired farmer of Newhall, Iowa; Cynthia Ann, born in Pennsylvania in 1836, is the wife of Anthony McKnight, a retired farmer of Warren, Stephenson county, Illinois; and Jeremiah, born in Pennsylvania, in 18—, served for three years in the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, during the Civil war, married a Miss Way, of Warren, Iowa, and is now living in California.

Oren B. Sawdey remained with his parents until 1856, when he went to Peoria county, Illinois, and worked by the month on various farms there for five years. In 1855 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret M. Smith, of Peoria, a daughter of William and Sarah (Bevens) Smith, who were born in Ohio and came to Illinois about the close of the Black Hawk war. Her father, who followed the occupation of farming throughout life, died in 1866.

In 1857 Mr. Sawdey removed to Vandalia, Jasper county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for three years, and later followed the harness business at that place until after the Civil war broke out. In 1862 he offered his services to his country, enlisting for three years in Company C, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which regiment was organized in the state at large from July to September, 1863, and was mustered out of service July 25, 1865. Colonel William M. Stone, who was brevetted brigadier-general March 13, 1865, resigned August 13, 1863, being succeeded by Colonel Harvey Graham, who received the brevet of brigadier-general July 25, 1865. Ephraim G. White was the lieutenant-colonel. The total enrollment was one thousand and sixty-seven men, of whom one hundred and fourteen were killed in battle or died of wounds, a loss of ten and six-tenths per cent. of the whole number of enlistments, which gives it place among Colonel Fox's three hundred fighting regiments. The total number of killed and wounded was four hundred and twenty-one, and one hundred and thirty-six men died in prison of disease, accident, etc. In the assault on Vicksburg, May 22, it sustained the greatest loss of any regiment engaged, its casualties amounting to twenty-seven killed outright, one hundred and eighteen wounded, including those mortally, and nineteen missing. The brigade was formed for this assault by column of regiments with the Twenty-second in advance, the point of attack being a fort on a hill in front of the column. The regiment passed the abatis, gained the ditch and planted its flag on the parapet, where it remained waving for nine hours. The assault having failed at other points the regiment was compelled to abandon the position. At one time during the assault Sergeant Joseph E. Griffith, of Company I, with a squad of twenty men, climbed the wall of the fort and effecting an entrance engaged in a hand-to-hand fight, from which the sergeant and only one man returned alive. The regiment took part in the engagements at Magnolia Hills, Vicksburg,

Jackson, Opequon, Cedar Creek, Champion Hill, Black River Bridge, Iberta, Opelousas, Indianola, Port Lavaca, Bermuda Hundred, Halltown, Berryville, Fisher's Hill and Woodstock.

On being mustered out of the service at Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Sawdey returned to Peoria, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming until the spring of 1869, and then came to Champaign county, locating first on section 26, Harwood township, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres, and to its cultivation and improvement devoted his energies until 1879. During that year he settled in Gifford, where he has since engaged in the harness business, with the exception of four years spent in farming in Hamilton county, Illinois, and at Rantoul, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawdey had two children. (1) Arletta, born in Jasper county, Iowa, in 1845, is now the wife of John Woods, a grain dealer, of Gifford, Illinois, and to them have been born eight children: Oren, who died at the age of eighteen years; Walter, who is working for his father; Margaret, Richard, Eunice, Glenn, Flosy and Blanche, all at home. They were all born in Gifford, (2) Elizabeth Ann, born in Jasper county, Iowa, married Newton W. Couch, of Gifford, who has been in the Klondike for the past two years. She died leaving three children, but Otis, the second in order of birth, died at the age of eleven years. Those living, Stella and Everett, were born in Gifford and reside with our subject and his wife.

The family attend the Methodist church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Sawdey are earnest members, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Simon Cameron Post, No. 679, G. A. R., of which he has been commander for seven years. Politically he always affiliates with the Republican party. He is greatly attached to his home and family and is highly respected by all who know him.

HON. CALVIN J. SABIN, the present efficient and popular mayor of Champaign, was born in Hanover, Chautauqua county, New York, June 8, 1831, a son of Ebenezer and Jerusha (Gage) Sabin. The father was born September 1, 1801, in the town of Jamaica, Windham county, Vermont, where he grew to manhood and learned the trades of wool carding, cloth dressing and also dyeing. Soon after his marriage he removed to Chautauqua county, New York, locating twelve miles from Dunkirk, and becoming one of the pioneers of that locality. After following his trade for a time, he purchased a farm and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He lived to be eighty-six years of age. His father was Ebenezer Sabin, a carpenter and stair builder by trade, and his grandfather also bore the name of Ebenezer. The latter was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. The Sabin family was of English origin. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Asa Gage, and his father were also among those who fought for the independence of the colonies in the Revolutionary war.

Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children who reached years of maturity. He received a good practical education in the common schools, which he attended until sixteen years of age, and after leaving school con-

tinued his studies for some time. He commenced work upon his father's farm and later was employed in a distillery for four years. In 1851 he became fireman on the New York & Erie Railroad, and in 1854 became connected with the Illinois Central Railroad, taking care of engines and doing yard work for one year. He went to Galena on the first passenger train run into that city, and from April 1, 1855, to April 1, 1866, was an engineer on that road, being connected with the Galena division for some years. In April, 1857, he was transferred to what is now the main line and was connected with it until leaving the road. His engine was very different from those used at the present time, having a thirteen and a half inch cylinder, and a capacity of twenty-eight tons.

From April, 1866, until January, 1898, Mr. Sabin was engaged in the agricultural implement business in Champaign, Illinois. In October, 1858, he located permanently here. Here he built up an extensive trade as a dealer in agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, hard and soft coal, and also helped improve many kinds of farm machinery. He continued in that business with good success until January, 1898, and furnished employment to many men, including traveling salesmen. Having disposed of that business, he purchased stock in the Phœnix Telephone Company, of which he became manager, and July 5, 1898, he was made president of the company, which position he is now most creditably filling. They have established a large and successful business, and now have over four hundred phones in use.

On the 13th of December, 1855, Mr. Sabin was united in marriage with Miss Hannah E. Whitcomb, a native of Nashua, New Hampshire, and a daughter of Thomas Whitcomb, who on coming west first located in Dunkirk, New York, and later removed to Ransom, Michigan, and later to Edgewood, Illinois, where his death occurred. Our subject and his wife have six children: Irwin C., a resident of Farmer City, Illinois; Mrs. Nellie I. Wirick, a widow residing at home with her parents; Elmer C. and Frank, both engineers on the Illinois Central Railroad; Earl, a resident of Nebraska, and Roy C., an employe in the postoffice of Champaign, who was a member of Company M, Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the war with Spain, and went with his regiment to Porto Rico. Mr. and Mrs. Sabin attend the Presbyterian church, and make their home at the corner of Clark and State streets, where they have resided since 1858.

Although Mr. Sabin has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, his fellow citizens recognize his worth and ability and have called upon him to serve in official positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the city council in 1866, 1884, 1885 and 1887, and in April, 1899, he was elected mayor, in which capacity he is still serving with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constitutents. Never have the reins of city government been in more capable hands, for he is public spirited and progressive, and gives his support to every measure which he believes will advance the general interest.

O P. KELLOGG, one of the most enterprising business men of Champaign county, and actively interested in everything pertaining to its advancement, is a broad-minded, patriotic citizen, of the kind which

does credit to any community. He is in the prime and vigor of manhood, an earnest advocate of whatever he believes to be beneficial to his town and county, and always faithful in the discharge of every duty devolving upon him.

The birth of Mr. Kellogg occurred June 26, 1852, in Marion, Linn county, Iowa. His father, Dr. Alonzo S. Kellogg, was a native of Albany county, New York, while the mother, Nancy (Burtt) Kellogg, was born in Clark county, Indiana. In his early manhood Mr. Kellogg removed to Clarke county, where he engaged in the practice of medicine, in connection with the management of a farm. In 1848 he removed to Linn county, Iowa, where he carried on a large farm successfully. He died July 14, 1854, when our subject was only two years old. For many years he was an active member and elder of the Christian church, and every one who knew him loved and esteemed him highly. He was twice married and three of the seven children of his first union survive, namely: Alonzo, a farmer of Shellsburg, Iowa; Ira, of Oberlin, Kansas, and Anna, wife of Judge F. D. Snyder, of Marysville, Missouri. Of the second marriage there are four children living. John L. is a retired railroad man of Rumsey, California. E. J. resides in Craig, Holt county, Missouri; and Sarah A. is the wife of Elder S. S. Murphey, of Red Bluffs, California.

O. P. Kellogg was reared in his native county, where he attended the common schools and went to the Marion high school. When still a mere youth, he left home, and going to Marysville, Missouri, he took charge of a general store, which he managed with ability for two years. In 1877 he came to St. Joseph, rented land and engaged in farming for about three years, after which he was occupied for five years in contracting and building. In November, 1885, he purchased the Irons Brothers wagon shops in this place, and two years later he added a full line of farming implements. In 1898 he erected his present commodious brick building, which has a frontage of sixty-six feet and is sixty-two feet in depth. This affords him a space of twenty-two by sixty-two feet for a blacksmith and repair shop, and the remainder is reserved for his large and well selected stock of tools and implements. He employs three men and enjoys a large and remunerative trade. He keeps a fine line of wagons and buggies, and makes a specialty of dealing in the famous Deering binders, mowers, plows and Troy wagons. He stands well in the business world, his integrity being unquestioned. In 1899 he was honored by being chosen as president of the Association of Implement Dealers, which he aided in organizing.

That Mr. Kellogg is possessed of much more than ordinary enterprise is shown in the fact that since his arrival in St. Joseph he has systematically studied law, and, though he has not applied for admission to the bar, he finds himself abundantly able to cope with most of the practical phases of the law as related to business. Moreover, he is an orator of no small ability, and he frequently is called upon to deliver speeches, especially those of a political or patriotic nature. He is a zealous champion of the Republican party principles and has efficiently acted upon various town and county committees. His name was prominently mentioned in 1900 for the position of state senator from this district. For the past two years he has been one of the village trustees and for years he has been an enthusiastic

friend of education, and has belonged to the local school board. Religiously, he is identified with the Christian church and for several years was an elder, besides having been superintendent of the Sunday-school for eight years. Fraternally, he is a charter member of Lodge No. 220, Knights of Pythias, and was the prime mover in the erection of the handsome brick block which the lodge owns. He was chairman of the building committee and may well be proud of the noble structure, as it is a credit to the town and society. He has been a delegate to the grand lodge of the state seven years and ranks high in the order. He is past venerable consul of St. Joseph Camp No. 222, Modern Woodmen of America, and for six years was was delegate to the head camp. He is a charter member of Eucala Camp, No. 1430, Royal Neighbors of America, and in each and all of these various fraternities is looked up to and highly respected.

The marriage of Mr. Kellogg and Anna L. Spurgeon was solemnized December 12, 1878. She is one of the eight children of A. J. and Mary (Miller) Spurgeon, who reside in Jamestown, Ohio. She was born in Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio, November 18, 1859, and received an excellent education. To Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg seven children have been born, namely: Oliver M., Jesse A., Dale W., Nellie B., Marie, Mary and Ruby. Marie and Mary died in infancy. The family reside in a pleasant home, where they are surrounded by many of the evidences of refined tastes.

JAMES B. McKINLEY, a well-known capitalist and prominent citizen of Champaign, where he has made his home since 1857, was born February 10, 1821, in Ross county, Ohio, five miles east of Chillicothe. His father, Thomas McKinley, was born in county Derry, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and came to this country as a young man in 1801, locating first in southern Pennsylvania, where he married Alice Barcley, also a native of Ireland, who came to America at the age of seven years. After farming in southern Pennsylvania for a time the father moved to Ross county, Ohio, where he purchased a timbered tract and transformed the same into a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, making his home there until his death. He attended and supported the Presbyterian church of which his wife was a consistent member.

Our subject began his education in the common schools of his native county, and later attended the academy at South Salem, Ohio. He began his business career as a clerk in a dry goods store at Chillicothe, and on leaving that establishment came to Hennepin, Illinois, on the Illinois river, where he taught school and also read law with a friend for a time. From there he went to Petersburg, Menard county, where he finished his studies and was admitted to the bar. After practicing there for a short time he removed to Clinton, where he continued the prosecution of his profession for a number of years.

In 1857 Mr. McKinley came to Champaign, which then contained but three hundred people. He engaged in the general practice of law until 1860, and in the meantime became interested in loaning money, to which he has since devoted his entire attention, he and D. K. Penson, of Chicago, being the first to loan money on farms in the state for eastern capitalists. His business steadily increased until it assumed ex-

tensive proportions. For many years Mr. McKinley was alone, but finally gave a nephew an interest in the business, and this partnership has since existed, although our subject still manages affairs. He is justly regarded as one of the ablest financiers of the city, and has been remarkably successful during his residence here. He was one of the organizers of the Champaign National Bank, of which he was a director and vice-president for some years, but a few years ago he sold his interest in the same. He was mayor of the city for one term, but has never been an aspirant for official honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests.

Mr. McKinley was married to Miss Jane Sanford, of Racine, Wisconsin, and to them were born four daughters, namely: Isabelle, now Mrs. Harris, of St. Louis; Harriet, Mrs. Scudder, of the same city; Agnes, Mrs. Miller, of Trenton, Missouri; and Jane, Mrs. Cannon, a widow, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley are active members of the Presbyterian church, of which he was elder for some years, and to the building of the present house of worship he contributed liberally.

LEWIS A. SMYRES, a well-known citizen and prominent attorney of Rantoul, with office in Neal's Block on Sangamon avenue, was born in Logan county, Ohio, February 9, 1852, and is a son of Lewis and Martha (Fink) Smyres. His maternal grandfather was Henry Fink, a Methodist preacher and also a manufacturer of Laurel, Ohio. The father, who was a native of Ohio and a farmer and stock-raiser by occupation, died in Wabash, Indiana, in 1892, and the mother died during the infancy of our subject. They had four children, three of whom are still living, namely: Daniel P., a farmer and stock-raiser of Windom, Kansas; Henry F., also a stock-raiser of Kansas; and Lewis A., our subject. All are married and have families. Eliza, the second in order of birth, died at the age of five years.

The subject of this sketch was a child of six years when the family removed to Wabash, Indiana, where he received his early education in the public schools, and later attended the Wabash Academy and high school. He then went to Valparaiso, Indiana, Normal School, which he attended for several terms, teaching in the public schools of his home county for several years. He read law during the winter with William Johnston, of Valparaiso, for two years, and with the firm of Cowgill, Shively & Cowgill, of Wabash. He was admitted to the bar in 1877 by the Thirty-first Judicial Court, and and passed his examination at Valparaiso. Subsequently he again engaged in teaching school, and for one year engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Lagro, Wabash county, Indiana. In May, 1880, he went to Burlington, Kansas, where he remained until the close of 1883, and then returned to Champaign county, locating in Rantoul which has since been his home, his time and attention being devoted to his professional duties. He has served as village attorney for several years, and in 1888 was elected state attorney for Champaign county. So acceptably did he fill that office that he was re-elected and served continuously until the close of 1896. In this position, as in all others in life, he was thoroughly in earnest, and the affairs of the county were never better managed than un-

der his prosecution. As a trial lawyer he has shown unusual force and has developed great strength as well in the systematic preparation of his cases and the logical and convincing manner of their presentation before court and jury. Since March, 1897, he has held the office of general attorney for the Supreme Court of Honor, a mutual insurance society, and has entire jurisdiction of the United States from New York to California. In politics he is a Republican, and in social relations is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the Commandery, No. 16, of Urbana. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and belongs to the different branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1880 Mr. Smyres was united in marriage with Miss Clara B. Halstead, of Rantoul, a daughter of H. H. and Sarah (Bullock) Halstead. She died in August, 1889, and was buried at Rantoul. The children of this union were Erva Pearl, born in Burlington, Kansas, July 19, 1882; Aimee L., born in Rantoul, May 14, 1885; and Edna C., born in Rantoul, April 26, 1887. Mr. Smyres was again married, in November, 1891, his second union being with Miss Emma R. Cary, of Belle Plaine, Illinois, a daughter of Dr. David and Nettie (Irvin) Cary, both now deceased. The father was a physician of Belle Plaine. By his second marriage our subject has one child, Esther J., born in Rantoul, December 19, 1893.

J. B. MARTIN, the well-known editor and proprietor of the Homer Enterprise, of Homer, Illinois, was born in Washington county, Indiana, April 26, 1858, and is a son of L. G. and Elizabeth Martin, also natives of Indiana. The mother died when our subject was only six years old. In early life the father followed the occupation of farming, but later turned his attention to the blacksmith's trade, conducting a shop at Rantoul, Champaign county, Illinois, for some years, having removed thither when our subject was about seven years of age. He continued his residence there until 1885, when he removed to Wilson county, Kansas, where he now makes his home. In his family were seven children, five of whom grew to maturity, our subject being the fourth in order of birth. The sons all reside in Kansas with the exception of J. B., and the daughter, Mrs. D. W. Cummings, who is a resident of Gifford, Illinois.

J. B. Martin was educated in the schools of Rantoul, and at the age of fourteen years commenced learning the printer's trade in the office of the Rantoul Journal, conducted by C. W. Gulick. He remained there for fifteen years, the last twelve years of that time being in the employ of F. E. Pinkerton, now publisher of the Clinton Public, at Clinton, Illinois. After leaving that office Mr. Martin came to Homer, and on the 12th of June, 1889, purchased the Homer Enterprise, which had been established by J. C. Cromer, but was then owned by W. L. Samson, who had conducted it for a number of years. The paper is devoted to local and general news and is Republican in politics. In connection with its publication, Mr. Martin also does job printing.

On the 23d of September, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Addie Cuppernell, a native of New York, and a daughter of M. V. Cuppernell, who came to Champaign when Mrs. Martin was a small child, and later removed to Rantoul, where he still resides. He was engaged in milling until

1890, but now follows farming. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been a trustee for the past nine years, and he also belongs to Homer Lodge, No. 99, F. & A. M. He is also a charter member of Brilliant Lodge, No. 232, K. P., and was also a charter member of the same order in Rantoul. He has passed through all the chairs, and has taken the grand lodge degrees, the highest in the order. In politics he is a Republican, but has never cared for office.

ISAAC FIELDING, of the firm of Powers & Fielding, editors and publishers of the Champaign Times, is one of the best known citizens of Champaign county, with whose welfare he has been closely identified for more than a score of years. As a journalist, his influence has been far-reaching, and it has always been used for the progress and material advancement of Champaign county and the state at large. In political circles, no less than in the newspaper world, he is recognized as a potent factor, and his personal popularity is beyond dispute.

Mr. Fielding was born in Westport, Connecticut, February 16, 1857, and is the son of William and Esther (Nuttell) Fielding, both of whom were natives of England, both born in Ashton Underlyne, Manchester, the former January 22, 1820, and the latter January 16, 1820. He was a cotton spinner by trade, an occupation which he followed both in his native country and after his arrival in the United States, where he came with his young wife shortly after their marriage in 1848. For several years prior to the Civil war he was foreman of a department in a Connecticut mill, and continued to act in that capacity until the fall of 1864, when he came to Illinois and turned his attention to farming in Shelby county. At the end of a year, however, he retired from farming and returned to the mill, passing the rest of his life in Sullivan, Illinois, where he died February 13, 1883. He was an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died in that faith. His widow, who is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is yet living in Sullivan, and four of their children survive. When a young girl, Mrs. Fielding rode upon the historic first railroad train, running from Manchester to Liverpool.

Isaac Fielding's advantages in his youth were very meager, indeed. His father failed in his farming enterprise and the lad was obliged to leave school and aid in the support of the family, and help to pay all the indebtedness in full with ten per cent. interest. Thus he has been literally self-educated and self-made, yet in spite of adverse circumstances he fitted himself well for life's duties. He was twelve years old when he entered the office of the Sullivan Progress, and there he earnestly and laboriously struggled to obtain thorough knowledge of the business, in every detail. Remaining there until he had attained his majority, he then concluded to start independently, and, in partnership with Mr. Powers, who had been in the same office with him, he came to Champaign and bought the Times, which for a period was managed by the firm of Smyser, Powers & Fielding. The senior member subsequently retired from the firm, and the paper has since been conducted by Messrs. Powers & Fielding, who have made a financial suc-

cess of the enterprise. Until quite recently it was the only Democratic paper in the county, and it ranks with the leading organs of that party in the state. In fact, it has the largest circulation of any paper in the county, and year by year has added to its lists of regular subscribers.

For a number of years Mr. Fielding was the treasurer and secretary of the Democratic central committee of this county. Though he was not a regular candidate for the postmastership of Champaign in the fall of 1886, his name was brought forward by General J. C. Black, who suddenly withdrew his support, and then the friends of our subject came to his rescue with flattering alacrity. It had been supposed that General Black controlled the Democratic patronage of this district, but every member of the county central committee, most of the state central committee, every Democratic congressman of Illinois, and such representative citizens as Franklin MacVeigh, and several of the members of President Cleveland's cabinet filed letters of commendation and recommendation, and in other effective ways brought to the notice of the chief executive the fact that Mr. Fielding, and no other, was the man desired by the Democrats as postmaster. He was duly appointed by the president and entered upon his new duties here on New Year's Day, 1887, and served efficiently for about a year and seven months when he was removed by Harrison. When Cleveland was again elected, Mr. Fielding was at once appointed anew to the office, and continued to serve until about eight months after the expiration of the president's term. During this period the population of Champaign nearly doubled, and the business of the post office more than kept pace with this gain. Mr. Fielding proved himself to be the right man in the right place, and made hosts of new friends. While he held the post the office was removed to its present commodious quarters in the new building and many improvements were put in force in the management of the business.

The marriage of Mr. Fielding and Alice B. Yeats, daughter of A. J. Yeats, was celebrated April 23, 1884. They have one daughter, Alice Bernice. The parents are members of the Episcopal church of Champaign and were the first couple married within that house of worship. The home of the family is a pleasant one, located at No. 207 West Clark street. Mr. Fielding erected this residence and takes great pride in making improvements in and about it.

DANIEL D. CANNON, a worthy and thoroughly patriotic citizen of Urbana, has been honored with public positions for a score of years, and always has proved himself to be eminently suited to offices of trust and responsibility. Perhaps no man is better known in this section of Champaign county, and wherever he is known he is highly esteemed.

He comes of the hardy, sterling Protestant Irish stock which has materially contributed to the progress and prosperity of this country. His parents, Richard M. and Mary (Brodrick) Cannon, emigrated to these hospitable shores from the northern part of the Emerald Isle, in the early part of this century. Thenceforth the father was actively engaged in farming in Shelby county, Ohio. For many years he held various township offices, besides being a justice of the peace, and was favorably

known for a radius of forty miles, perhaps. He endured the innumerable hardships incident to pioneer life, and participated in the last war with the Indians in the Buckeye state. First of all, he was a patriot, and so thoroughly did he inculcate the principles of loyalty to country into his sons that four of them enlisted in the defence of the Union, two of the number giving their lives to the cause. The boys who wore the blue occupied a warm corner in his heart, and it was while attending a Grand Army re-union at Columbus, Ohio, that death overtook him. Though lacking only two weeks of being ninety-two years old, he was well preserved, his mind being clear as in his prime. Formerly a Whig, he then united with the Republicans, and was actively interested in the welfare of the party. Both he and his devoted wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, he being an officer during the greater part of his mature life. She was called to the better land when in her sixty-sixth year.

Of their children, Permelia, the eldest, married W. B. Laughlin, and is deceased. Caroline, the next child, widow of William Swan, resides upon a farm near Kankakee, Illinois. Susan died at the age of eight years. William B., whose death occurred in February, 1899, when he was seventy-three years old, served for over three years in the Twentieth Ohio Infantry during the Civil war, and was stationed in the west much of the time. Charles, also a soldier in the Federal army, died from the effects of a wound received in the service. Abraham S. lives in northern Ohio and Thomas S. carries on the old homestead in that state. Clara died when eighteen years of age, and Warnoc R., the youngest of the family, died at twelve years. N. F., the tenth in order of birth, enlisted in the Union army, rose to the rank of lieutenant, and at the end of about six months of service, was killed on the battle-field.

Daniel D. Cannon, who was born in Shelby county, Ohio, March 10, 1837, was reared as a farmer, and had only the advantage of a district school education. Having a desire to see something of the west, he came to Illinois, and at the end of six months arrived in Champaign county. This was in 1856, and since that time he has been actively associated with the development of this locality. He was engaged in agriculture and carpentering for a number of years, and had made a good start on the high road to a competency, when the war of the Rebellion broke out. He had closely followed the tide of events leading up to that memorable strife, and in August, 1861, enlisted as a private in Company I, Second Illinois Cavalry. Going to the front, he continued to serve faithfully at his post of duty until the close of the war, April, 1865. Like his father before him, he is a stalwart Republican, firmly believing in the policy of the party, which has scored so many triumphs. In 1878 he was made deputy sheriff, and for sixteen years performed the duties of that responsible position with zeal and credit. In 1894 he was further honored by election to the office of sheriff, in which capacity he won new laurels, during his four years term.

The marriage of Mr. Cannon and Mary E. Black was celebrated in 1858, and two daughters of that union survive. Addie F., wife of George W. Scott, of Havana, Illinois, has nine children: and Jennie E., wife of James W. Braddock, of Decatur, Illinois, is the mother of two children. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Cannon

wedded her sister, Aseneth Black, the marriage occurring August 6, 1890. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and and always has been a liberal contributor to religious and benevolent enterprises.

WILLIAM H. MILLER, a successful farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Ludlow township, residing on section 15, was born in Clinton county, Indiana, December 1, 1845. His father, William Miller, was a native of Virginia, born March 5, 1801, and was a son of Samuel and Margaret Miller. Throughout his entire life he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. On the 6th of October, 1851, he married Miss Catherine Ireland, who was born June 23, 1812, and they became the parents of the following named children: James, born September 11, 1832, married Nancy Starky, and is now a retired contractor of Jefferson, Indiana. Margaret L., born July 17, 1834, and is the wife of Charles C. Wright, of Tippecanoe county, Indiana; John A., born September 25, 1835, was a manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds, and died at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in 1881; Thomas L., born August 31, 1837, married Margaret Stewart and died in Clay county, Illinois, where his family still reside; Annie C., born June 26, 1839, is the wife of James Scott, a retired farmer of Monroe, Indiana; C. Perry, born August 14, 1841, married Priscilla Stout, and is engaged in farming in Pawnee county, Nebraska; Eliza P., born January 3, 1844, is the widow of Nelson Howard, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and now resides with her two children; and William Henry, our subject, is the youngest of the family. The father died February 17, 1848, at the age of forty-seven years, and the mother departed this life a year later at the age of thirty-seven years. All the children were born in Clinton county, Indiana.

Our subject remained in his native county until fourteen years of age and then removed to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he attended school during the winter and worked for a Mr. Wright on a farm five years receiving his board and clothes, and at the end of that time one hundred and fifty dollars. At the age of twenty-one he went to Paxton, Illinois, where he remained one year and then returned to Indiana. At the end of three months, however, he again came to Illinois, in 1867, and this time settled in Champaign township, Champaign county, where he worked by the month five years for one man. At the end of that time he purchased a place of eighty acres in Scott township, where he followed his chosen occupation for several years. In March, 1882, he sold that farm and purchased a quarter section of land in Ludlow township, where he now resides. Being industrious, energetic and enterprising, he has steadily prospered, and has added to his first purchase until he now has a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and upon which he has made all of the improvements. In connection with general farming, he is also engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of short horn cattle and Norman horses.

On the 19th of January, 1875, in this county, Mr. Miller married Miss Amanda C. Frankeberger, who was born in Ohio, but has made her home in Illinois since one year old, her parents, John and Susan (Swisher) Frankeberger, having come to

Champaign county in July, 1853. By occupation her father was also a farmer. More extended mention is made of the family in the sketch of George Frankeberger on another page of this volume. To our subject and his wife were born three children: Alvin L., born December 15, 1875, was educated in the district schools and at Rice College in Paxton, Illinois. He was married December 19, 1899, to Miss Grace De Spain, of Rantoul, Illinois, a daughter of J. J. De Spain. He is now engaged in farming on eighty acres of land on section 16, Ludlow township, belonging to his father. The seeond child died in infancy unnamed. Carrie, born August 15, 1888, is at home with her parents.

Suffering from the effects of an accident in a runaway, Mr. Miller has been in rather poor health for the last fifteen years. He takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs, has served as tax collector of his township for two years, and has been an efficient member of the school board for seventeen years. Politically he is a Republican, and religiously is an earnest member of the Methodist church.

W A. MILLER. The financial and commercial history of Champaign county would be incomplete and unsatisfactory without a personal mention of him whose name introduces this article. He is the leading representative man of Ivesdale, and though not an old settler, he has become prominently identified with the interests of the village, and is an important factor in promoting its welfare.

Mr. Miller was born in Piatt county, Illinois, November 24, 1853, and is a son of James L. and Eliza J. Miller, who came to Illinois in 1852 from Kentucky, locating in Piatt county, where the father became somewhat prominent in public affairs, and in 1858 was elected county clerk of the county. He was not permitted long to discharge the duties of the office, as his death occurred the following year. He left a wife and two children, as well as many friends, to mourn his loss.

Our subject was reared in the usual manner of farmer boys and acquired a good practical education in the public schools of his native county. When a young man he commenced teaching in the country schools, and being very proficient in all he undertook, he gave excellent satisfaction. Subsequently he found employment as a clerk with N. E. Rhodes & Son, the leading clothiers of Monticello, then the home of our subject, and he followed that pursuit for a number of years. On attaining his majority, Mr. Miller identified himself with the Democratic party, and in 1882 was nominated for county clerk of Piatt county, and was only defeated by one hundred and seventeen votes, his county being heavily Republican. During President Cleveland's first term he was appointed postmaster at Monticello, which position he filled with credit to himself and party. In 1890 he was again recognized by his party, receiving the nomination for county treasurer, and was defeated by only forty-six votes, thus showing his popularity in the county.

In 1893 Mr. Miller came to Ivesdale as partner and manager for the firm of Dighten & Miller, the firm representing a wealthy capitalist of Monticello. They embarked in the banking business at Ivesdale, and are now receiving an excellent patronage, their deposits amounting to many thousand

dollars. They were not long in securing the confidence of the people of the surrounding country both in Champaign, Piatt and Douglas counties, and in business circles they stand deservedly high.

In 1881 Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Ella Norris, a daughter of Daniel and Mary Norris, who belonged to an old Piatt county family and are now living retired in Monticello. Three children have been born unto them—Mabel, born October 4, 1883; Harry J., February 11, 1887; and Mary, March 22, 1890.

Upright and honorable in all his dealings, Mr. Miller commands the respect and confidence of his business associates, and is held in high regard by all with whom he comes in contact in any of the relations of life. He has made a host of warm personal friends during his residence in this county. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and his support is never withheld from any enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit.

THOMAS BABB, a prosperous business man of Thomasboro, Illinois, was born December 15, 1841, in the town of Great-witch, Staffordshire, England, and is a son of Jeffrey and Catherine (Deville) Babb, natives of the same county. His mother's ancestry can be traced back to the time of William the Conqueror, with whom the progenitors of the family in England crossed the channel from Normandy. The father of our subject spent his entire life in his native land, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died on the farm where he had lived many years and where his father had lived before him. After the death of her husband the mother came to America in December, 1882. The parental household included eleven children, all of whom lived to become men and women. They were John, Elizabeth, Margaret, Thomas, Catherine, Jeffrey, Jane, Ann, William, Mary and Alice.

The subject of this sketch remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, when he commenced hauling freight at a railroad station, being thus engaged until starting for the United States. Being enterprising and ambitious he resolved to try his fortune in the new world, where many of his countrymen had settled and become prosperous citizens. It did not take him long to decide to follow their example, nor to put his resolve into execution. In May, 1860, he sailed from Liverpool and after a voyage of fourteen days set foot on American soil. After a brief time spent in New York City, he proceeded to Licking county, Ohio, where he was variously employed until October of the following year. He then started overland for Illinois with a team and cow, and on reaching Champaign county rented a farm. With his team he was enabled to earn the munificent income of ninety cents per day, out of which he boarded himself and horses. Mr. Babb prospered, however, and the following spring practically started in business for himself by renting a farm. He successfully operated this one year, and with the means which he had saved by the closest economy, he purchased forty acres of prairie land in Mahomet township, one-half of which had been broken, but no other improvements made. As he had a young wife to care for, his first labor was to prepare a habitation. He erected a small frame house, and broke the remainder of the land, but after residing thereon for two years he sold the place and bought fifty-seven acres in Hensley township, which was

in much the same condition as his late possession at time of purchase. There he also built a house. A year later he moved to an eighty-acre tract which he had purchased in Condit township, and occupied it for two years, after which he disposed of the farm and purchased eighty acres of wild land in the same township. To the improvement and cultivation of the latter tract he devoted his energies for twelve years, during which time he transformed it into a good farm. Renting it, he next removed to Rantoul township, where he bought eighty acres adjoining the village of Thomasboro. By this time Mr. Babb had obtained quite an insight into the American method of doing business, and had become thoroughly Americanized in thought and action. In 1878 he commenced buying and shipping hogs, and two years later also became interested in the grain business, in both of which undertakings he met with success. Since he started the latter business Thomaston has become one of the best grain markets in this section. By honorable and updealings and strict attention, Mr. Babb steadily prospered and from time to time added to his farm property until he now owns several hundred acres comprising some of the finest land in Rantoul and Condit townships. He has sold his grain business to Mr. Grindly, and is now engaged in buying cattle in Texas, where he has spent the last three years. He was reared in the Episcopal faith, and although not at present a member of any religious denomination, he cherishes a profound respect for the religion of his parents.

In Licking county, Ohio, Mr. Babb was married, in October, 1861, to Miss Eleanor Philbrook, who was born in that county, in 1837. They have become the parents of four children. (1) Jeffrey E., a prosperous farmer of Vermilion county, Illinois, married Louisa Appelgate, of Thomasboro, and they have four children, Eleanor, Hazel, Blanch and the baby. (2) Lena A., born in Champaign county, is the wife of Frank Lachelyre, a farmer living southwest of Champaign, and they have one child, Lena A. (3) Cyrus E. operates the old home farm in Rantoul township, while his own farm in the same township is cultivated by hired men. He married Lena Baker, of Thomasboro, and they have three children, Nellie, Mauriel and Averil. (4) Bertha A. married William Lachelyre, a brother of Frank, and a farmer of Rantoul township, and they have two children, Iva and Lemere.

Cyrus Philbrook, the father of Mrs. Babb, was a native of Maine, and worked on his father's farm in that state until nearly of age, when he went to sea and followed that life for several years. On leaving the water he removed to Ohio, and engaged in farming near Granville for a number of years. It was there that most of his children were born. His next home was in Licking county, Ohio, where he continued to follow farming for about thirty-five years. He died at the age of about eighty years. He was a Whig, but never took an active part in politics, and in religious belief was a Baptist. He was quite a prominent man in his community and accumulated some property. He married Anna Christina Martin, who was born near Granville, Ohio, and they became the parents of the following children: Henry W., a farmer, married Elizabeth Pephers, of Jersey, Ohio, and died in California, in the summer of 1899. Barnabus wedded Mary Smith, of Jersey, Ohio, and and died in Champaign county, Illinois. Mary Ann is the wife of Swayne Williams, a

farmer of Jersey, Ohio. Phineas died at the age of eight years and Francis at the age of seventeen. Americus died in the Civil war. Christopher was killed in battle during the same conflict. Mrs. Babb is next in order of birth. David, a farmer, married Lucinda Webster, of Delaware county, Ohio, and died in the west. Helena is the wife of Charles Schimerhorn, a farmer and blacksmith of Harvey, Illinois. Elmira is the wife of Daniel Phillips, a farmer of Iowa. All were born on the old homestead in Licking county, Ohio. The mother died in Thomasboro, Illinois, at the age of about eighty years, and enjoyed good health until a short time before her death.

C. B. HOLMES, the well-known city clerk and tax collector of Urbana, Illinois, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, August 17, 1852, and is a son of Rev. John L. and Rhoda A. (Henry) Holmes, also natives of Ohio. The father was a member of the Erie Conference and filled many pulpits in eastern Ohio for many years. In 1858 he came to Illinois, and settled on a farm twelve miles west of Champaign, in Champaign county. This was operated by his sons, while he acted as agent for the American Bible Society for ten years. Then, owing to ill health, he lived retired upon his farm for three years. He died in 1876, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife had died three weeks previous at the age of sixty-four. She, too, was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and throughout life took an active part in the work of both church and Sunday school. In the family were six children, namely: (1) Henry L. was formerly a farmer in Minnesota, but is now engaged in mercantile business in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. (2) Rev. E. J. is a member of the Florida Conference, with which he has been connected since the Civil war. In early life he went south to engage in teaching, but when that section of the country took up arms against the union he returned to Illinois, and taught in Rantoul for a time. He has served as presiding elder for two terms and now makes his home in Tallahassee, Florida. (3) William H. is engineer on a passenger train and makes his home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (4) James Wilbur is a locomotive engineer residing in Two Harbors, Minnesota. (5) C. B., our subject, is next in order of birth. (6) Rollie A. is a locomotive engineer of Escanaba, Michigan.

During his boyhood C. B. Holmes attended the public schools of Ohio and also of Champaign county, Illinois, at the removal of the family to this state, and completed his education at the University of Illinois. He entered the service of the Big Four railroad as night caller, in which capacity he remained with them for twelve years, and was night round-house foreman eight years. He was connected with the Big Four until 1895, but in the meantime was elected and re-elected city clerk, which office he has now filled since May, 1877, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In 1895 he was elected township collector and has served his fellow citizens in that capacity for four terms. During his boyhood, while a resident of Ohio, he had his left arm so badly injured in a threshing machine that it had to be amputated above the elbow. Although he had this misfortune to contend with, he has made the most of his opportunities, and to-day occupies a prominent position among the public-

spirited and enterprising citizens of Urbana.

On the 23d of September, 1878, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage with Miss Martha Dempsey, a native of this county, and a daughter of John Dempsey, of Urbana, who came to this state from Canada. To them have been born six children: Agnes E., who graduated from the Urbana high school in 1897; Charles Frederick, who is now a machine apprentice in the Big Four railroad shops of Urbana, and has received high commendation for the work he has already done; William Turner, who is learning the tinner's trade in Urbana; Bessie May; Clara Booth; and Wilbur.

Mr. Holmes is a Republican in politics, and in his social relations is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a Baptist in religious belief.

WALTER S. ODELL, a well-known engineer on the Big Four Railroad residing in Urbana, Illinois, was born in Schoharie county, New York, August 26, 1856, and is a son of William S. and Lavinia Odell, the former a native of New York City, the latter of the western part of the Empire state. For several years the father was general manager of the Wagner system of sleeping cars with headquarters at Buffalo, New York, and had formerly served as conductor with the same company. He is now living retired in Buffalo at a good old age, and owns a farm near that city which he rents. His wife died about 1891. In their family were four children, of whom our subject is the oldest. Reed was killed by being thrown from a horse at the age of sixteen years. Maggie died at the age of seventeen. Ida, the youngest, is the wife of Charles Brown, of Buffalo, who is chief clerk in the New York Central Railroad yards at East Buffalo.

Walter S. Odell was educated at the East Pembroke Seminary, Genesee county, New York, and after leaving school began his railroad career as brakeman on the New York Central Railroad. He served as baggage master for a short time, after which he filled the position of fireman for about five years, and was then given an engine, having now served as engineer for over twenty-one years. In that capacity he was with the New York Central Railroad for fourteen years, running a freight train twelve years and a passenger train two. He left that road on his own account as he desired a change of occupation. On leaving that company, George Colburn, the official engine dispatcher at Rochester, New York, gave him the following written statement: "Walter Odell, who is a locomotive engineer of twelve years experience, during which time he was under my supervision, I always found him competent, obliging, careful in all his duties, and strictly temperate. He left the road of his own choosing and I know of no reason why he should not be employed by any company in need of a competent engineer. I cheerfully recommend him as such and will be pleased to learn of his obtaining employment in that capacity, as I am confident he will give entire satisfaction. Given under my hand. George Colburn."

For two years after leaving the New York Central, Mr. Odell was engaged in the hotel business in Syracuse, New York, but in 1896 came to Urbana, Illinois, and has

since been one of the trusted engineers of the Big Four Railroad. Although he has been in several wrecks, he has never been seriously injured. He is an honored member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, No. 143, of Urbana, and also belongs to the Masonic Lodge, No. 475, of Batavia, New York. In politics he is independent. He is a man of pleasing address, makes many friends and is quite popular with all who know him.

In 1879, Mr. Odell married Miss Flora Dyer, a daughter of John and Almira Dyer, natives of New York, both now deceased. She was born in Genesse county, New York, and educated in Darien Academy, that state. To our subject and his wife were born two children. Bertha is the wife of Peter Greening, an engineer of Yonkers, New York, and they have two children, Eddie and Walter. Charles P., the only son of our subject, was killed while firing on a fast freight on the New York Central, in March, 1899, when not quite twenty-one years of age. He lived only a few hours after being injured. He was attending strictly to his duties when the accident occurred. His death cast a gloom over his large circle of friends and acquaintances, for he was a most promising young man, well liked by all who knew him.

JAMES M. DUNSETH, a well-known and prominent lawyer of Urbana, Illinois, with offices in the Kirkpatrick Lindsey building, was born in Champaign county, September 22, 1867, and is a son of James W. and Eliza Jane (Connell) Dunseth, the former a native of Louisville, Kentucky, the latter of Adams county, Ohio. On the paternal side he is of Scotch descent, his great-grandfather Dunseth being a native of Scotland. His grandparents were David and Sarah (Moore) Dunseth, the latter also of Scotch extraction. Their children were Robert, who married first Mary Bruer, and second Sarah A. Connell, a sister of our subject's mother; James W., father of our subject; Ann, who married first Robert Patten and second David Vandevender; John, who married Mary Burnsides, a relative of General Burnsides; David, who married Massey Bryan. Samuel, who was married twice but the names of his wives are unknown; Elizabeth, who married Abner Mickings; Ellen, who married Silas Patten; and Alexander, who married Elizabeth Burnsides, a sister of Mary, previously mentioned. Ann, John, David, Samuel and Alexander are still living.

James W. Dunseth, father of our subject, was young when he removed with his parents to Adams county, Ohio, where he was married March 15, 1848, and in the fall of 1852 removed to McLean county, Illinois. He came to Champaign county, about 1858. Throughout his early life he followed the occupation of farming, but in 1889 located in Urbana, where he spent his last days. He was born on Christmas Day, 1817, and died December 10, 1894. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and held the offices accorded a layman. He always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but took no active part in politics aside from voting. The only office which he would ever accept was that connected with the schools.

Mrs. Eliza J. Dunseth, the mother of our subject, is still living, an honored resident of Urbana. She is a daughter of Moses and Nancy (McColm) Connell. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born

in Adams county, Ohio, in June, 1793, a son of John R. and Sarah (Mehaffy) Connell. His mother died January 13, 1826. She had fifteen children, namely: Rebecca, born in March, 1792; Moses, June, 1793; Jane and Polly, twins, July 28, 1796; William, December 3, 1798; Hiram, September 16, 1800; Joseph Mehaffy, July 14, 1802; Nancy, February 16, 1804; John and Stephen, twins, February 13, 1806; Paul and Silas, twins, December, 1807; and Sarah, Catherine and Greenberry, the dates of whose births are unknown. For his second wife John R. Connell married Rachel Ellis and had one daughter by that union, Mary, born October 4, 1828. John R. Connell was born in Pennsylvania, June 6, 1767, and removed to Ohio soon after it became a state, becoming a pioneer farmer of Adams county. His son, Moses Connell, the maternal grandfather of our subject, came from Ohio to Champaign county, Illinois, and settled on a farm near Homer, where he died August 20, 1870. He was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as class leader, and he filled the office of school director for many years. He married Nancy McColm, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of Malcolm and Sarah McColm, in whose family were six children, the others being John, David, Lucinda, Permelia and Eliza. Moses and Nancy (McColm) Connell had only two children. Sarah Ann, who was born January 8, 1822, and married Robert Dunseth, an uncle of our subject; and Eliza Jane, who was born January 2, 1828, and is the mother of our subject.

James M. Dunseth, of this review, is the youngest in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) Jennie N. was married, in December, 1868, to Isaac A. Yeazel, a farmer of Sidney, Illinois, and they have five children, Orpha, Wilber, Effie, Leslie and Frank. (2) David C., a telegraph operator for the Illinois Central Railroad at Champaign, was married, November 14, 1875, to Lida A. Peters, and they had two children, Orin and De Clyde, both deceased. (3) M. Bell died at the age of one year. (4) Ansel B., a resident of Beason, Logan county, Illinois, was married, May 17, 1880, to Jennie McElvane, and has three children, Claude, Clara and Sarah. (5) Sarah Ann was married March 7, 1880, to David C. Butler, who is engaged in farming near Urbana, and they have six children, Oliver, Mable, Edward, Ethel, Jennie and Ray. (6) William Henry, a minister of the United Brethren church at Williamsport, Indiana, was married December 26, 1886, to Arilla B. Walston, and they have one child, Cecil.

James M. Dunseth spent his early life upon the home farm, attending the country schools and aiding in the labors of the fields. At the age of seventeen he entered the public schools of Urbana, where he pursued a literary course for two years. Later he was a student at the Northern Illinois College of Law for two years, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1898. He immediately opened an office in Urbana, and has already built up a large and constantly increasing practice. On the 2nd of July, 1897, he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie L. Kirkpatrick, a daughter of J. C. and M. C. Kirkpatrick, who are represented on another page of this volume. She is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, Massachusetts, and has been a member of the choir in the Methodist Episcopal church of Urbana for many years.

WILSON WHEATLEY, who is now living a retired life in the village of Seymour, Champaign county, Illinois, was born in Pennsylvania, February 26, 1825, a son of Mordecai and Mary Wheatley, both of English extraction. The family was founded in this country by three brothers, George, Isaac and James Wheatley, who settled in Pennsylvania, the last named being our subject's grandfather, who died in Bellaire, Ohio, many years ago. Mordecai Wheatley, the father of our subject, was born in 1802 on board a ship while his parents were coming to the United States. In 1826 he removed from Pennsylvania to Tuscarawas connty, Ohio, and settled on a farm, our subject being only one year old at that time. Later the parents removed to Perry county, Illinois. They were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and always took an active part in the work of church and Sunday school, the father having formed the first Methodist Episcopal class in that county. He died in 1880, and his wife, who was born in 1803, died in 1881.

Our subject was one of a family of eleven children, the others being as follows: John served four years and four months in the Second Illinois Cavalry during the Civil war and was taken prisoner at Holly Springs, Mississippi, but soon managed to escape. He was a Mason, and in early life a minister of the Baptist church, but later preached the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in December, 1899, aged seventy-eight years. Warren served four years in the Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to the rank of commissary sergeant for carrying his wounded colonel to the rear in the thickest of the fight at Fort Donelson. Mordecai served four years in the Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry under General John A. Logan and U. S. Grant as orderly. Reece died in Champaign county, at the age of fifty-five years. Mary E. married Joseph Duncan and died many years ago. Robert, an engineer for many years, died in Duquoin, Perry county, Illinois, at the age of forty-eight. Thirza A. died at the age of two years, and Isaac and George died in early childhood of scarlet fever.

Wilson Wheatley left home at the age of fourteen years and started out to make his own way in the world with only fifty cents in his pocket. For two years he led a roving life, and at the end of that time found himself where Kansas City now stands, that region being then all wild and unimproved and inhabited principally by Indians. From there he went to Decatur, Illinois, where he remained some time, and then came to Champaign county, where he found employment with B. F. Harris, in whose employ he remained fourteen years. In the meantime he saved his earnings and invested in a farm. In 1848, when many people were going to California, he decided to join them. Accordingly he sold his farm and secured the necessary outfit, which cost him twelve hundred dollars. With two hundred and six persons he started overland, but on reaching Bear creek was taken ill and left in the care of Dr. Liggon, who had accompanied the train from Omaha. The Doctor took him back to that city and later to his home in Platt county, Missouri, while the emigrant train moved on, taking our subject's outfit. All were murdered in the Mt. Meadow massacre, our subject being the only one to escape. Later he went to St. Louis, and in March, 1849, returned to Champaign

county and resumed work with his former employer, B. F. Harris.

In April, 1851, Mr. Wheatley married Miss Jane Mary Dale, a native of Pennsylvania, where her parents, Moses and Susan (Wise) Dale, were also born, but during her childhood the family removed to Ohio. She was the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being John, Thomas, Richard, Jemima, Susan and Isaac, all now deceased with the exception of Thomas, a farmer of Mahomet township, this county, and Isaac, a resident of Russell county, Kansas. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley, namely: Mary is the wife of Marshall Keith, a farmer of Russell county, Kansas; Susan R. is the wife of James McDowell, who was formerly a farmer, but is now sergeant at the Soldiers' Home in Fort Dodge, Kansas; John Charles Fremont married Mattie Sullens, and is engaged in the livery business in Russell county, Kansas; Emma Panola is the wife of Charles Darst, a retired farmer of Mexico, Missouri; Alice is the wife of Ezra Cade, who owns a large stock ranch in Russell county, Kansas; Mordecai married Kate Miller, of Champaign county, and is now engaged in the agricultural implement business in Seymour, Illinois; Minnie is now studying Delsarte and elocution in Chicago, and is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school; William W. married Mamie Stewart, and is a mechanic living in Seymour; and Didona Bell taught school for seven years prior to her marriage, and is now the wife of Jesse Mitchell, a farmer of Mahomet township, this county. The wife and mother, who was an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church for over twenty-five years, died in December, 1887.

In 1860 Mr. Wheatley purchased a farm in Hensley township, which he operated many years, and then sold and bought a house and lot in the village of Seymour, bnt he lived for several years after the death of his wife, but for the past three years has made his home with his children. As a farmer he met with well-deserved success and became quite well-to-do. For over forty years he has been an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has filled the offices of steward and collector. Socially he has been a member of the Odd Fellows Society for over forty-four years and has occupied all the chairs in that order. In early life he was a Henry Clay Whig, and since the dissolution of that party has been a stanch Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Zachary Taylor. He was well-acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, and in memory goes back to many pleasant times spent with the martyr president. As a young man he was quite a sportsman, delighting in horse racing, foot-racing, wrestling, etc. He is one of the old and honored residents of the county, and can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer days. While with Mr. Harris he used to go to either Peoria or Bloomington to mill, a distance of forty miles, and made many trips with ox teams to Covington, Indiana, for salt and other supplies. He has probably split more rails than any other man in the county, and has endured all the hardships and privations of pioneer life.

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