

WILLIAM H. FOSTER, M. D., one of the leading physicians of eastern Georgia, was born in Augusta, Ga., March 3, 1841, and is the third of eight children now in life born to John and Jane E. M. (Zim) Foster. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Henry Zim, who was a private soldier under "Light Horse Harry" Lee in the war of the revolution. He was severely wounded in the attack made by Lee on old Fort Augusta, which was then held by the British under Gen. Brown. He also saw service in the armies of the colonies at the battles of Kings Mountain, Monmouth, the Cowpens, and was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. He lived a long and useful life and died at the ripe age of ninety-four years. William H. Foster received his education at the Richmond county academy, and at the Mount Zion high school, in Hancock county, Ga., which was then presided over by Gov. William J. Northen. He then read medicine under Dr. Richard D. Moore, of Athens, afterward attending lectures in Atlanta. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, known as the Oglethorpe infantry, First Georgia volunteers. At the end of his term of enlistment he returned to Augusta and raised a battalion, which was subsequently transferred to the Sixty-third Georgia regiment, at Savannah, where it remained until just before the retreat of Johnston from Dalton. The doctor took part also in all the battles from Dalton to Atlanta, and in the battle of Jonesboro, Ga. He then went with Gen. Hood to Nashville. Dr. Foster was an active participant in the battles of Cheat Mountain Ford, Green Brier River, McDowell's, Kernstown, Winchester, Strasburg, Hanging Rock, Romney, Rich Mountain, Rock Face, Resaca, Dalton, Altoona, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, Fair Grounds near Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin, Murfreesboro, Nashville, and Bentonville. At the close of the war he returned to Augusta and resumed his medical studies, graduating with honors, in March, 1867, from the medical college of Georgia, department of university of Georgia. He entered actively upon the practice of his profession at Lexington, Oglethorpe Co., Ga., where he remained nine years, and in 1877 returned to Augusta. He has served one term as a member of the city council of Augusta; was chairman of the board of health committee and ex-officio president of the board of health. In 1878 he was made city physician, and retains that position at this time. On Sept. 25, 1859, he was married to Miss Margaret V., daughter of Dr. Cosmo P. Richardson, of Savannah, and this union was blessed by the birth of eight children, of whom five are now in life, viz.: Maggie C., John H., Eva H., Henry C., and Eugenia. In 1888 he was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, who was a consistent member of the Episcopal church. His second marriage was to Mrs. Stella R. (Robinson) Oliver, daughter of Dr. Francis J. Robinson, of Lexington, Ga., and they have one child, a daughter. Dr. Foster is a consistent member of the Christian church, also of the benevolent order Royal Arcanum and order of the Golden Rule.

JAMES L. FLEMING, vice-president of the Augusta orphan asylum, was born in Lincoln county, Ga., Aug. 12, 1843. Left an orphan at the tender age of seven years, he was carried to the home of his uncle, Porter Fleming, in Augusta, Ga., and given the very best educational advantages. He first attended the old Richmond academy, then the school of the Rev. John W. Reed, in Oglethorpe county, leaving that school in September, 1860, to become a cadet at the Finley institute, Lenoir, N. C. In April, 1861, he ran away from school and enlisted as a private in Company G, Georgia North Carolina regiment, which company was known as the Burkeville Georgia Horsemen that command until the spring of 1862, when having been made a sergeant, he joined the Oglethorpe artillery at Augusta, Ga., and served as a private in that command throughout Bragg's Kentucky campaign and the return, and was then transferred for duty in the