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All life and achievement is evolution; present wisdom comes from past experience, and present commercial prosperity has come only from past exertion and suffering. The deeds and motives of the men that have gone before have been instrumental in shaping the destinies of later communities and states. The development of a new country was at once a task and privilege. It required great courage, sacrifice and privation. Compare the present conditions of the residents of Howard county, Indiana, with what they were one hundred years ago. From a trackless wilderness it has come to be a center of prosperity and civilization, with millions of wealth, systems of intersecting railways, grand educational institutions, marvelous industries and immense agricultural productions. Can any thinking person be insensible to the fascination of the study which discloses the incentives, hopes, aspirations and efforts of the early pioneers who so strongly laid the foundation upon which has been reared the magnificent prosperity of later days? To perpetuate the story of these people and to trace and record the social, political and industrial progress of the community from its first inception is the function of the local historian. A sincere purpose to preserve facts and personal memoirs that are deserving of preservation, and which unite the present to the past, is the motive for the present publication. The work has been in the hands of able writers, who have, after much patient study and research, produced here the most complete biographical memoirs of Howard county, Indiana, ever offered to the public. A specially valuable and interesting department is that one devoted to the sketches of representative citizens of this county whose records deserve perpetuation because of their worth, effort and accomplishment. The pub-

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HON. MILTON GARRIGUS.

The life of Hon. Milton Garrigus may be profitably considered in three distinct phases, all of them important. First, in the relationship of private citizen, occupied with the everyday work of securing a livelihood, the performance of social, domestic and religious duties, and gaining position in an honorable profession; second, in the relation of a soldier, defending the flag and fighting for the preservation of national unity; third, as a public official, holding responsible and lucrative positions—administrative, clerical and legislative.

To begin at the beginning, his remote ancestors were French and Huguenots, some of whom immigrated to America during the colonial period. His grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier under Washington and his father was a drummer boy in the war of 1812 under Harrison. The oldest uncle of our subject was a colonel during that war. It is not surprising, therefore, that patriotism amounts to a passion in him. His father, Timothy Lindley Garrigus, was one of Indiana's pioneers, settling in Wayne county in 1816, where he set to work to clear a farm out of the forests and swamps of that county. He was also a carpenter and millwright by trade, and was known all through the region of swamps from the Ohio river to the great lakes as a minister of the church of the United Brethren of Christ. He made frequent trips on horseback through rivers and swamps and forests and was noted for zeal and his earnest, effective oratory. He was a staunch, untiring abolitionist, who regarded human slavery as an abomination, and was a candidate of the Liberty party in 1844 for representative from Wayne county. In 1847 he brought his family to Howard county, where he built more houses and mills. In 1852 he was nominated for state senator on the anti-slavery ticket from Howard county.

which party was in the minority in those early days. With bright prospects in Indiana, having cleared farms in Wayne, Marshall, St. Joseph and Howard counties, he left it all to help the state men in Kansas fight the border ruffians in 1856. He shouldered his rifle and started westward to engage in the memorable struggle for free soil and offered up his life for freedom's sake as surely as though he had been slain in battle. He died of pneumonia brought on by exposure, and was buried at Omdah. His wife, the mother of our subject, was a native of Virginia. She was a Christian woman and a member of the Methodist church for sixty years. She was one of the brave pioneer women in the early history of Indiana and an excellent rifle shot. She died at the home of the subject at the age of seventy-eight years.

Milton Garrigus is a native of Indiana, born in Wayne county September 27, 1831. He made the best possible use of the meager opportunities open to his youth and acquired a liberal education. He read every book obtainable, mostly by light of hickory bark torches after his day's work was done. He became well read in ancient and modern history and was also thorough in the common branches. He made excellent records in spelling schools of the pioneer times and was especially apt in mathematics, and he also took an active part in all institutes and debating societies in the vicinity. Having qualified himself for teaching, he engaged in that pursuit for seventeen winters. This was at a time when the school year of Indiana, as related to the country schools, composed from sixty to sixty-five days. This employment as teacher of the A-B-C class and all the intermediate grades of pupils up to and including the students of English grammar and higher mathematics was of great advantage to the young man. It fixed and made practical his knowledge of text-books.

It was at the age of sixteen that Milton Garrigus came to How-

ard county, where he began the improvement of a quarter section claim obtained by his father under the pre-emption act. For nine months he occupied a frontiersman's cabin, from February to November, and opened a clearing in the rich Indian reservation of what is now Howard county before the arrival of the family. He could talk the Indian dialect and became an expert in handling the ax, rifle and canoe. Strong, energetic and industrious, he assisted in clearing that first farm and two or three others, the last of which was his own. During the early days of the county he was often elected by the people to superintend the construction of the primitive highways.

In 1858 he was appointed postmaster of Greentown and removed thither from the farm. Already he had formed the purpose to become a lawyer, and he entered upon a course of legal study while postmaster which gained his admission to the bar in 1859. His residence in Greentown continued until 1870, when he removed to Kokomo and formed a legal partnership with Colonel Charles D. Murray. This relation was dissolved by the Colonel's death and subsequently he was associated for a short time with a lawyer named Ingels, and for five years with Judge O'Brien. The latter partnership was terminated in 1880, since which time he remained alone in the successful practice of his profession until retiring in 1892. As an evidence of his standing among the lawyers the fact might be cited that in November, 1891, at a very full meeting, he was elected president of the Bar Association of Howard county, comprising nearly forty members, and filled the position in a most satisfactory manner for a period of four years. He also served as county attorney from 1870 to 1892, a period of sixteen years.

The first Confederate gun fired on Fort Sumter appealed effectively to the patriotism of our subject and he responded to the call for volunteers, resigning the postmastership and entering as a

private in Company D, Thirty-ninth Infantry, afterward the Eighth Cavalry Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. His clerical ability recommended him to the captain and he was soon appointed company clerk. He was captured at Perryville and paroled, but not exchanged until long afterward. He assisted in recruiting the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Regiment, one hundred-day service, and was commissioned second lieutenant of Company A, promoted to first lieutenant and appointed adjutant. He was made post adjutant at Tullahoma, Tennessee, and acting assistant adjutant general of brigade until the regiment was mustered out. He then assisted in recruiting the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment and later recruited a company in the One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, of which he was commissioned captain. After the battle of Nashville he was appointed inspector of the Second Brigade, Fourth Division, Twentieth Corps, Army of the Cumberland, on the staff of General E. C. Mason. This officer gave him a very cordial letter, certifying in the most positive terms to his activity, correctness and faithfulness in the position, stating without equivocation that he was the best inspector the general had ever known in the army. "There was not an officer on my staff held in higher esteem," wrote General Mason, "or one on whose services I relied more in my field of duty." In fact, words could not frame a stronger or more flattering testimonial. While on parole Captain Garrigus organized the Union League of Howard county, made Union speeches and exposed the Knights of the Golden Circle.

After the war he was active in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1881 and again in 1882 he was commander of Thomas J. Harrison Post of Kokomo. In 1892 he served by appointment on the staff of Colonel A. G. Wishard, of Wisconsin, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, as assistant inspector general for the Department of Indiana.

In May, 1901, at the state encampment, he was elected and installed commander of the Department of Indiana, serving in that capacity one year. He has always taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of this organization, often serving as a delegate to the state and national encampments and always attending such gatherings. He is also a member of the Indiana Commandery of the Loyal Legion. During his administration Governor Matthews appointed Captain Garrigus a member of the Indian commission to locate and direct the permanent marking of each military organization from this state on the battlefield of Chickamanga, where that bloody battle was fought; also the position of Indiana troops on the field of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. The commission was composed of ten officers, who served in some of the Indiana regiments in those battles.

As in other matters, Captain Garrigus has not proved to be a laggard in affairs political. He began his political life as a Whig, with abolition proclivities. He became a Republican upon the organization of that party, and has always been a strong advocate of its principles. His political activity and enthusiasm are remarkable. He has been at all times and under all circumstances active in behalf of the party. As a political campaign orator he is earnest in the advocacy of Republicanism, and his loyalty and party fealty have never been questioned. In 1883 he was nominated by President Arthur for collector of the internal revenue, and when the nomination was hung up in the senate he unselfishly withdrew and urged the nomination of his friend, Captain Kirkpatrick, which was made. He was school examiner under the old system for three years beginning in 1859, and was county superintendent under the new law from 1875 until he resigned in 1878. He was elected to the senate for a term of four years, serving in 1879 on the committee on apportionment for congressmen and on that of ditches and swamp

lands, and in 1881 on the committee on corporations and railroads, being chairman of the latter. For four years he served as a member of the common council of Kokomo. He was chairman of the Republican central committee of Howard county during the campaigns of 1874, 1876, 1880, 1882, 1884, 1888 and 1890. In 1890 he was nominated county auditor by a phenomenal majority in a primary election and was elected in November for a term of four years beginning March 1, 1892. In 1894 he was re-nominated as the candidate of his party and was re-elected by the astounding majority of two thousand and seventeen for a second term, which he completed in March, 1900. He was chairman of the ninth district Republican convention held at Lafayette in 1888 that re-nominated Hon. J. B. Cheadle for congress, and he also served in a similar capacity in 1900 at the district convention held at Huntington, which selected delegates to the St. Louis national convention that nominated William McKinley for President. At the state convention in 1892 held at Ft. Wayne he was a member of the committee on resolutions. In 1891 and 1892 he was editor and proprietor of the Kokomo Journal, a weekly political newspaper noted for its earnestness, aggressiveness and bright, original features. This paper he disposed of before entering upon his duties as auditor. That he has been loyal to his political convictions throughout his long and most active career is further emphasized by the fact that he cast his first presidential vote for General Scott in 1852, voted for every Republican President since that time and has attended every county and state convention of his party during all those years, besides many of the national conventions.

Captain Garrigus has been twice married. His first wife was Susan M. Whiteneck, of Greentown. All of the living children of this union are married, of whom Allen C. is now post-office inspector for Oklahoma, maintaining his home in Kokomo, and Victor L., a



L. J. Kirkpatrick.

clerk in the war department at Washington for the past eight years. The death of Mrs. Garrigus occurred January 3, 1900, and on October 23, 1901, the captain was united in marriage to Marie Thomas, a native of Fayette county. To this union two children have been born, Genevieve and Leslie M.

HON. LEX J. KIRKPATRICK.

Standing out distinctly as one of the central figures of the judiciary of Indiana is the name of Hon. Lex J. Kirkpatrick, of Kokomo. Prominent in legal circles and equally so in public matters beyond the confines of his own jurisdiction, with a reputation in one of the most exacting of professions that has won him a name for distinguished service second to that of none of his contemporaries, there is today no more prominent or honored man in the state which he has long dignified by his citizenship. Achieving success in the courts at an age when most young men are just entering upon the formative period of their lives, wearing the judicial embleme with becoming dignity and bringing to every case submitted to him a clearness of perception and ready power of analysis characteristic of the learned jurist, his name and work for years have been allied with the legal institutions, public enterprises and political interests of the state in such a way as to earn him recognition as one of the distinguished citizens in a community noted for the high order of its talent. A high purpose and an unconquerable will, vigorous mental powers, diligent study and devotion to duty are some of the means by which he has made himself eminently useful, and every ambitious youth who fights the battle of life with the prospect of ultimate success may peruse with profit the biography herewith presented.

Alex. J. Kirkpatrick is a native of Indiana and traces his genealogy to a remote period in the history of Scotland, in which country the family of Kirkpatrick appears to have had its origin. It is a well established fact that certain of the name were living in the counties of Nithersdale and Galloway, as early as the ninth century and later by reason of the Jacobite troubles one of them was obliged to flee from Scotland and take refuge in Ireland, where the Kirkpatricks now comprise a very large and influential family, the descendants of George Kirkpatrick, constituting the most numerous branch. Another representative of the family, William Kirkpatrick, fled from Scotland during the Stuart war, and settled at Malaga, Spain, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He was a man of prominence and influence, both in his own and adopted land, and is remembered chiefly as being the grandfather of Eugenie, widow of Napoleon the II, and Empress of France. The motto of the Scottish Kirkpatricks has long been the following sentiment, "I mae sickar," or "I make sure."

Three Kirkpatrick brothers, descendants of George Kirkpatrick, came from Scotland to America a number of years prior to the War of Independence and settled in Pennsylvania, where they became actively identified with the growth and development of their respective communities. John Kirkpatrick, a son of one of these brothers, was born in the town of Easton and later moved to Harrison county, Kentucky, where he is said to have suffered much from the depredations of the Indians. Consequently he served under General St. Clair in the latter's ill-starred expedition against the savages and received a wound in the thigh which rendered him a cripple during the remainder of his life. Removing to Ross county, Ohio, he spent a number of years as a teacher and appears to have been a man of much more than ordinary intelligence, as well as public-spirited. He was twice married and became the father of

eight children, five by his first wife and three by the second. His eldest son, William, who was born June 8, 1776, in Pennsylvania, married in Harrison county, Kentucky, Anna Maize, whose birth occurred on April 17, of the year 1784, and whose parents immigrated to this country from Ireland some years prior to that date, and settled in the county of Harrison. Some time after their marriage William and Anna Kirkpatrick moved to Rush county, Indiana, where they spent the remainder of their days, he departing this life July 13, 1860, she on January 10, 1866. Of the large family that at one time gathered around the hearth-stone of this estimable couple, not one survives. John Kirkpatrick, the second child, and grandfather of the subject of this review, was born October 23, 1802, in Harrison county, Kentucky, married in Fayette county, Indiana, in 1824, Nancy Oldham, whose birth occurred in Knoxville, Tennessee, on the 3d day of July, 1802. They also took up their residence in Rush county, and in due time became the parents of four children, namely: William, David, Stephen and Mrs. Mary Jane Austille, all living but William, who died April 4, 1874, and David. The father of these children departed this life in Rush county, August 8, 1848, the mother on the 28th day of August, 1868.

Stephen Kirkpatrick, the judge's father, was born on the family homestead in Rush county, Indiana, February 16, 1832, and there grew to maturity and received such educational training as the indifferent schools of the period could impart. In his twenty-first year he was united in marriage to Rebecca Jane Jackson, a native of Rush county, born February 14, 1834, the ceremony by which they were made husband and wife being solemnized on the 6th day of September, 1852, by John Legg, Esq., well known justice of the peace of that county. William and Abigail Jackson, grandparents of Mrs. Stephen Kirkpatrick, were Virginians. Their family com-

sisted of nine children, the seventh being Joseph Jackson, whose birth occurred in Surry county, North Carolina, March 1, 1794, and who married, November 13, 1817, Lydia Jeffrey, the latter born in the same county January 2, 1801. Joseph and Lydia Jackson in 1816 located in Union county, Indiana, and two years later moved to Rush county, settling on a farm in Washington township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mrs. Jackson dying February 8, 1841, her husband following her to the grave July 29, 1851. Of their eleven children Mrs. Rebecca J. Kirkpatrick is the only survivor. Calvin C. Jackson, who died recently, was for many years a leading farmer and representative citizen of Mahaska county, Iowa, an ex-member of the legislature of that state and a successful and influential minister of the Christian church. John Tyler Jackson, the youngest of the children, for a number of years a distinguished lawyer of Indianapolis and son-in-law of the late Lucien Barbour, died in that city on the 2d day of April, 1896.

Lex J., the only living child of Stephen and Rebecca J. Kirkpatrick, was born on the home farm in Washington township, Rush county, September 6, 1853. When he was four months old his parents moved to Howard county, and located on a farm adjoining Greentown, but five years later changed their residence to Taylor township, where, in close touch with nature, amid the bracing airs and wholesome influence of rural life the future lawyer and jurist spent his youth and young manhood. His early experience on the farm tended to develop a strong and healthful physique, and while engaged in the labor of the fields he learned to place a correct value upon honest toil, besides laying broad and deep the foundation for his future course of action. Possessing an ardent temperament and a natural taste for books and study he became at the proper age a pupil of the school in the neighborhood, which was taught in a primitive log cabin with benches on floor and but indifferently fur-

nished, with rough slab benches minus backs, notwithstanding which unfavorable environment he made commendable progress in his studies and was soon far in advance of the majority of boys of his age. After attending the county schools until completing the usual curriculum and feeling an intense desire to add to his scholastic knowledge, he entered in 1870 a college at Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he prosecuted his studies one year when he returned to Kokomo and became a student of the Howard College, which he attended until 1873. In the latter year he yielded to a desire of long standing by entering the law office of Hendry & Elliot, to prepare himself for the legal profession, and after a preliminary course of reading under the instruction of those gentlemen he entered, in September, 1874, the Central Law School at Indianapolis, from which he was graduated with a creditable record in June of the following year, dividing the honors of his class with the late D. S. Thomas, of Rushville. After finishing his legal studies Mr. Kirkpatrick formed a partnership with James F. Elliot, his former tutor, the firm thus constituted lasting until November, 1880, during which time the young attorney forged rapidly to the front, and it was not long until he gained a large and lucrative practice and earned recognition as one of the leading members of the Howard county bar. Meantime, May 10, 1870, he was admitted to practice by the supreme court from which date to the present time his legal career presents a series of continued success such as few lawyers achieve. As a careful and painstaking student he has availed himself of every opportunity to familiarize himself with his profession in its every detail to the end that he might the better serve his fellow men and render justice to those who appeal to the courts for redress. From 1881 to 1884 he served as probate commissioner of Howard county and in September, 1880, received without any solicitation on his part, the nomination by the Democratic party, for judge of the thirty-sixth judi-

cial district, composed of the counties of Howard and Tipton, which at that time had a normal Republican majority of about one thousand. Notwithstanding this formidable opposition he accepted the nomination and such was his popularity with the people, regardless of political affiliation, that in the ensuing election he defeated an able and worthy opponent by a majority of two hundred and twenty-one, running three hundred and thirty-six ahead of the ticket, and in November, 1800, entered upon the duties of the judgeship with the hearty endorsement of the laity as well as the bar of his jurisdiction.

Judge Kirkpatrick came to the bench well qualified for its exacting duties and responsibilities and from the beginning his judicial career was characterized by such a profound knowledge of the law and an earnest and conscientious desire to apply it impartially that he was not long in gaining the respect and confidence of the attorneys and litigents and earning for himself an honorable reputation among the leading jurists of the state. From the first his labors were very arduous as many important cases were tried in his court, not a few coming before him by change of venue, in addition to which he was also frequently called to other districts to sit on cases in which large interests were involved. Among the more noted of the cases in his own jurisdiction were that of the State of Indiana versus Calvin J. Armstrong, defaulting Treasurer of Tipton county, who was accused of embezzling public funds to the amount of forty-three thousand dollars; The State versus Ann Augusta Schmidt, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a term in the female prison at Indianapolis, besides others of no less interest and import. The courts of Cass, Miami and Hamilton counties profited frequently by his services on the bench and as far as known his rulings in all cases were eminently satisfactory, fair and impartial, and his decisions so in accord with the principles of

law and practice that everybody interested was thoroughly satisfied with his course.

After an eminently useful and honorable career of six years' duration Judge Kirkpatrick, on November 4, 1866, retired from the bench, and the same year became a member of the well known law firm of Morrison & McReynolds, the style being changed with his admission to that of Kirkpatrick, Morrison & McReynolds. Later Mr. McReynolds retired from the firm, which is now known as Kirkpatrick & Morrison. Since resuming the practice of his profession he has acted as special judge in different circuits and tried some of the most important cases in the state, notably, among which was the celebrated case of the State versus John C. Evans, president of the Jonesboro Bank, and John W. Crum, a prominent insurance agent, tried in the Grant circuit court in the spring of 1867, wherein each defendant was convicted of larceny on account of certain green goods transactions involving the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and both sent to the penitentiary. In the same court in January, 1868, he presided during the case of the State versus Noah Johnson, who was convicted of murder in the first degree and given a life sentence, his crime being the murder of his sweetheart, a young lady only sixteen years of age. He also acted as special judge in the Blackford, Wells and Rush county circuits, being elected by the officers of the last named court to preside at the March term, 1868, on account of the illness and subsequent death of Hon. J. C. Miller, the regular judge of the circuit. While thus engaged he had the honor of dedicating the fine new court house at Rushville and to him also fell the privilege of holding the first term of court in Tipton's new and imposing temple of justice.

As already indicated Judge Kirkpatrick is a Democrat, and as such has been active in public and political affairs and an influential force in his party not only in local matters but in the larger and

more important theater of state and national politics. He comes of Democratic ancestors but he does not attribute to this fact his strict adherence to the principles which he supports, but rather to history, also to reflection, judgment and conscience, all of which have combined to make him not only an able and judicious counselor, but a moulder of opinion and leader of men, in what concerns the best interests of the body politic. While loyal to his power to promote its success he believes that a man can be an earnest and active politician and yet be strictly honest in his methods and above reproach in all that he does to advance the interests of his cause. So earnest has he been in the advocacy of honesty in party management that in 1804, when the charges were made against certain Democratic parties in Tipton county for forging the tally sheets he gave from the bench specific and vigorous instructions to the grand jury to lose no time and spare no pains in investigating the matter and bringing indictments against those accused providing their guilt could be established. He has ever acted upon the principles that he who served his country best, serves his party best, and with this object in view his political efforts, although strenuous and in the highest degree influential and successful, have been above the slightest suspicion of dishonor and his counsels have not only met with the approval of his party associates but commanded the respect of the opposition as well.

In the midst of his varied and strenuous duties and responsibilities, Judge Kirkpatrick has not been negligent of the higher concerns and imperative claims of the Christian religion, a matter to which he has devoted much thought and in which he has long yielded an implicit and abiding faith. In his study and investigation of this important subject which makes paramount to every other consideration, he has little regard for the doctrines of the schools and the statements of ecclesiastics or councils, but disregarding all

man-made creeds and accepting the Holy Scriptures alone as his rule of faith and practice he has learned to live the plain and simple life such as the Master exemplified and to repose confidence in the will of the Heavenly Father, whose instructions are so clear and explicit as to require no interpretation by priest or pope or the cunningly devised creeds conceived in an age of superstition and strengthened by centuries of ecclesiastical despotism. On January 13, 1868, when but fifteen years of age, he united with the Christian church in the village of Fairfield, since which time his life has been consistent with the faith, affording a conspicuous example of the beauty and worth of the Christian religion when made the basis of action in the affairs of men. No sooner had he made public profession of his faith than he began to evince a decided interest in various lines of religious work and in due time he became a participant in the affairs of the church, both local and general, and it was not long until his activity brought him to the notice of leading Sunday school workers and religious leaders throughout his county and state. On his removal to Kokomo he became identified with the Main street Christian church of which he is still a member and in which he has been honored at different times with various official positions, including among others that of superintendent of the Sunday school, in which capacity he served very acceptably from July 1, 1883, to January 1, 1890, and from 1890 to the present time, the attendance of the school ranking second in numbers among the schools of the Christian church in the United States.

From August, 1870, to August, 1881, Judge Kilpatrick served as president of the Kokomo Young Men's Christian Association, was chosen President of the Seventh District Young People's Society Christian Endeavors in 1880, and in November, 1893, was further honored by being elected president of the State Young People's Society Christian Endeavors, which important position he held

ly successive selections for three terms, and the duties of which he discharged in an eminently, able and satisfactory manner, winning glowing encomium from all the churches represented in the movement, and earning a reputation which made his name a familiar word wherever the society has gained a footing. During his tenure of office he often visited different parts of the state, delivering addresses in all the principal cities, and establishing societies in many places, besides giving a great amount of personal work which tended greatly to the strengthening of the organization and making it popular among people who had previously been indifferent or prejudiced against it. The distinguished career achieved as leader of this great movement in one of the most important states of the Union, led in 1866 to the election of the judge to the high and honorable position of vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, in which capacity he rendered valuable service until the world's convention in the year of 1900, which added to his already well established reputation as an earnest Christian worker and honored and influential official.

Judge Kirkpatrick's domestic life dates from 1881, on September 22d of which year he was united in the bonds of wedlock to Emma Palmer, of Adrian, Michigan, daughter of Stephen H. and Letitia (Saville) Palmer, natives of Michigan, and residents of the town of Holloway, that state. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born in Ridgeway, Michigan, on the 6th day of February, 1806, and is the mother of one child that died in infancy.

The judge has ever kept in touch with the interests of his city and county and is an ardent advocate and liberal patron of all worthy enterprises, making for their advancement and prosperity. His activity in behalf of every movement for the good of his fellow citizens has endeared him to the people among whom the greater part of his life has been spent and his popularity is bounded only by

the limits of his acquaintance: as a lawyer he is easily the peer of any of his professional brethren throughout the state, and the honorable distinction, already achieved at the bar is an earnest of the still wider sphere of usefulness that he is destined to fill, and the higher honors to be achieved in years to come, as he is yet in the prime of manhood and a close observer of the trend of the times and an intelligent student of the great questions and issues upon which the thought of the best minds of the world are centered.

As judge, Mr. Kirkpatrick more than met the expectations of his friends and the public, and so discharged the duties of the office as to receive the hearty approval and warm commendation of the bar, in his own and other circuits, without regard to party. He brought to the bench a dignity becoming the high position, and in the line of duty, was industrious, careful and singularly painstaking, which combined with his sterling honesty and fearlessness of purpose, made him one of the most popular and efficient men ever called to preside over the courts of the thirty-sixth judicial circuit. It is but just to say and greatly to his credit, that no political prejudice, bias or zeal, was ever allowed to deflect his mind from its honest convictions, and while discharging his official functions, personal ties and friendships, as well as his own interests and opinions, were lost sight of in his conscientious efforts to render equal and exact justice to those whose affairs were adjudicated in his court. His opinions and decisions attested his eminent fitness for judicial positions, being always lucid, unstrained and vigorous, his statements full and comprehensive, and his analysis and interpretations of the law conspicuous and complete. The judge has always stood high in his profession and since retiring from the bench has built up an extensive practice, in his own and other counties, being frequently retained in important cases in courts remote from his place of residence. He has argued many cases before the highest tribunal in the

state and lost but few. No one knows better than he the necessity of thorough preparation for the trial of cases, and no one more industriously applies himself to meet the issue than he, though of a warm and ardent temperament, he is always master of himself in the trial of cases and is rarely not at his best, being uniformly courteous and deferential toward the court, and kind and forbearing to his adversaries. As a speaker, the judge is direct, logical and forcible, and not infrequently, truly eloquent. His treatment of his case is always full of comprehension and accurate, his analysis of the facts clear and exhaustive, and he seems to grasp without effort, the relation and dependence of the facts, and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tend to prove. He is not only an able and reliable counselor, with a thorough acquaintance of the principles, intricacies and complexities of jurisprudence, but his honesty is such that he has frequently advised against long and expensive litigation, and this too, at the loss of the liberal fees which otherwise he could easily have earned.

Sufficient has been said to indicate the judge's character and high standing in the community where he has so long resided, and it only remains to be said, that throughout his entire professional and official career, he has been animated by lofty motives, and made every personal consideration subordinate to the higher claims of duty. Broad and liberal in his views, with the greatest good of his fellow men ever before him, his conduct has been that of the lover of his kind and the true and loyal citizen, who is ready at all times to make any reasonable sacrifice for the cause in which his interests are enlisted. He is, withal, a man of the people, proud of his distinction as a citizen of a state and nation for whose laws and institutions he has the most profound admiration and respect, while his strong mentality, ripe judgment and unimpeachable integrity, demonstrate to the satisfaction of all, his ability to fill honorably, im-

portant official positions, and to discharge worthily the duties of high trusts. In point of critical legal scholarship, keen intellectually and professional success, he easily stands in the front rank, while in all that constitutes the upright man, the public-spirited citizen and the earnest conscientious Christian, his position in the social circle and the world of affairs has been firmly established, and he stands today among the leaders of thought and moulders of opinion in a state prolific of great men.

THE ELWOOD HAYNES AUTO COMPANY

The record of a life well spent, of triumphs over obstacles, of perseverance under difficulties and steady advancement from a modest beginning to a place of honor and distinction in the industrial world, when imprinted on the pages of a history, present to the youth of the rising generation an example worthy of emulation and may also be studied with profit by those of more mature years whose achievements have not kept pace with their expectations. Such a life is that of the inventor, manufacturer and representative citizen, whose achievements and success in the line of invention and manufacture we shall herewith endeavor to present, for our subject is the executive head and manager of the largest manufacturing concern in Kokomo.

Elwood Haynes is a native of Indiana, born in Portland, Jay county, in the year, 1857. His father, Hon. Jacob M. Haynes, of that city, long one of the able lawyers and distinguished jurists of the state, was a prominent figure in the public life of Jay county, and at the time of his death, at the advanced age of eighty years, while still on the bench, is said to have been the oldest judge in

active service in this country. Elwood Haynes was reared in the county of his birth and at quite an early age became an active participant in civic affairs. In 1886 he turned his attention to the natural gas industry and the same year organized the Portland Gas & Oil Company, which under his direction developed the Jay county field and supplied the city with an abundance of this ideal fuel. Later he was made superintendent of the Chicago natural gas lines and after holding the position until 1890, came to Howard county to engage in the business upon his own responsibility in this part of the state. It was while thus engaged that Mr. Haynes began studying the question of locomotion by other than horse power, a matter to which he had previously devoted considerable attention, and which, from his investigations, he felt sure was feasible and could be made practicable. In due time he reduced his ideas to facts and a series of experiments, but the most difficult problem which confronted him, was the matter of motive power for his car, a problem, which for considerable time, appeared impossible of solution. He first considered steam and electricity, but after careful investigation abandoned both and began experimenting with gasoline. During the time in which he carried on his investigations and experiments, Mr. Haynes kept his work from the eyes of the prying world and it was not until the end of his second year that he succeeded in solving the problem of motive power, and fixing upon definite plans for the further development of the car which within a comparatively brief period was destined to revolutionize hitherto existing means of locomotion, and in time come into general use. He was enabled to conduct his experimental work under more favorable circumstances after he removed in 1892 from Greentown to Kokomo, and in the fall of that year purchased an engine and making patterns after plans, developed in the meantime, addressed himself to the task of constructing a car, which he had every reason

to believe would meet his expectations, and mark the beginning of an era in mechanical invention. It would be interesting to note in detail the various stages in the evolution of the automobile and the many difficulties, embarrassments and discouragements under which the inventor labored ere his ideas became facts, but to do this would far transcend the limits accorded to a sketch of the character of this review. Suffice it to say, however, that he continued his experiments and labors with renewed vigor and zeal, making changes when and where necessary, testing new theories, adopting new and improved appliances, proving by practical experience the value of everything which a strong mind and fertile imagination could suggest, until finally on July 4th. of the year 1894, the first automobile to be operated by gasoline was completed and ready for the trial by which its success and utility were to be demonstrated, and published to the world. Up to that time the work was carried on privately, but no sooner was it known that a test would be made than a large number of people assembled to witness the new and novel spectacle of a vehicle moving along the highway with no motive power in view. After several satisfactory trials within the enclosure of the shop the machine was taken to more favorable ground about four miles from the city where everything being in readiness, the first public test was made, the car on its initial trial running about one and a half miles with two persons beside the proprietor aboard. Turning the car about it glided with ease over the entire distance to the city, thus demonstrating to the satisfaction of inventor and spectators the success of the experiment and solving a problem that had long engaged the attention of the mechanical and industrial world. The engine which supplied the motive power was a small affair of about two hundred and forty pounds in weight, and at its best the car's speed did not much exceed seven or eight miles an hour. Subsequently it was replaced by a larger and more powerful

engine, which, with the improvement of the wheels by pneumatic tires, an average speed of twelve miles per hour was obtained, the car on one occasion making a record of five miles in twenty-six minutes, and during the summer and fall of the year in which the trial was made running in the aggregate something over one thousand miles. The auto which is still in good running order is an object of interest to every visitor to Mr. Hayne's establishment and being the first machine of the kind in the world to prove the efficacy of gasoline as a motive power, it was accorded the place of honor at the New York exhibit of automobiles and in due time it will be placed in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C., along with other great products of American genius where it is destined to immortalize the inventor and place his name among the really great benefactors of the race. The success attending the first experiments with the auto car encouraged Mr. Haynes to engage in the manufacture of the machines under more favorable circumstances and upon a greatly enlarged scale. Accordingly in 1895 he entered into partnership with Mr. Apperson, of Kokomo, and in the latter part of that year the firm began to make what is known as the double cylinder or double opposed engine, which was greatly superior to all other types and with which the autos made at their factory could successfully compete with those from any other establishment in the land. In the Chicago Times-Herald contest of 1895 for the best automobile the Haynes machine was duly entered and notwithstanding the brief period of preparation it was awarded the first prize of one hundred and fifty dollars over five competitors, three from Germany and two from the United States. To this victory was largely due the reputation of the Haynes double engine among the manufacturers of automobiles, and it soon came into general use, its superiority to all others being universally conceded.

The Haynes-Apperson Company turned out five cars during the first year their factory was in operation, three of which were taken to the Ohio State Fair in 1896, where the proprietors received three hundred and fifty dollars for the exhibit. In 1897 the Haynes-Apperson Auto Company was organized with greatly enlarged facilities, the firm thus constituted lasting until the fall of 1901, when Mr. Apperson withdrew and Mr. Haynes became proprietor, under whose management the enterprise has since been known as the Haynes Auto Company. By the second year the output of the factory had increased to fifty-five machines, which was more than doubled the year following, during which one hundred and ten were made and sold, this number being insufficient to meet the steadily growing demand from many parts of the country. To supply this demand the establishment was enlarged from time to time, new and improved implements and appliances being adopted with a corresponding increase in the working force, quite a number of mechanics being employed, all selected with special reference to their efficiency and skill. Two hundred autos were turned out the fourth year and from which time, until 1907, the annual output averaged two hundred and fifty, but in the later year the number was increased to three hundred and fifty, which represents the present capacity of the factory.

As indicated by the above figures the steady growth of the automobile industry made imperative a corresponding increase in the capacity and manufacturing facilities of the establishment. Accordingly additional improvements have been made from year to year in the way of buildings and equipment, the plant at this time (1908) consisting of three large and well constructed buildings, each forty by two hundred and seventy five feet in size and two stories high, besides a number of additional structures devoted to various uses, the floor space of the main structure being in excess of

eighty thousand square feet. The number of men employed by the company will average between four hundred and five hundred per year, the force consisting of experienced and thoroughly capable mechanics, selected with reference to their specific lines of work, also many skilled artisans for the departments in which a high order of technical training is required. The sum of two hundred thousand dollars represents the annual payroll of the establishment, and a conservative estimate places the capital invested at three hundred thousand dollars, practically all the stock being held by residents of Indiana, the bulk by citizens of Kokomo and Portland, Indiana. In 1908 a great improvement was made in the engine, its superiority being such as to create a widespread demand, to supply which taxes the plant to its utmost capacity. Indeed for some time past it has been impossible to keep pace with the growing demand for the Haynes car and already the propriety of an additional enlargement of the plant is being seriously considered, the increase of the business rendering imperative such improvement in the near future.

Mr. Haynes does not make racing cars, nevertheless he has won honors and prizes in not a few important contests with the ordinary auto, and that, too, in competition with the leading racers throughout the country, all of light weight, but equipped with large and powerful engines. A reference to the subjoined list of contests in which a series of prizes were won and a record second to that of no other automobile in the world established will afford the reader some idea of the speed, durability and high standing of the Haynes machine, which is not only the oldest, but conceded in every important particular to be one of the best today on the market.

The company of which he is the head is now entering upon the fourteenth year in the manufacture of automobiles, and as already indicated is the oldest establishment of the kind on the Amer-

ican continent. These fourteen years have been spent not alone in perfecting the mechanical details of the product, but in diligent and costly search for materials best adapted to each and every point. In the construction of the cars material that has proven satisfactory, regardless of the cost, is used. Finding it impossible in some instances to secure steels of suitable quality in the open market, the company has been obliged to have some of its steel made after a special formula, devised by Mr. Haynes, who is an expert metallurgist, having devoted much time to experiment in this particular branch of laboratory work.

As indicated in a preceding paragraph, the plant is equipped with special machinery of the most up-to-date patterns, selected and designed to give the most minute accuracy of mechanical detail, while in the construction of the car every effort has been made to combine sturdy endurance with pleasing lines and serviceable luxury in their appointments. Several styles of cars are manufactured, one of the most popular and now in almost general use being the run-about, which has extensive sale and which is continually growing in favor. The other models have also gained wide repute throughout the country, their increasing popularity being attested by a demand which the company at this juncture finds it impossible to satisfy. The company has branch houses in New York City, Chicago, Buffalo, and other points, where the machines are handled by capable and far-sighted business men who have built up an extensive patronage, which, like the demands on the home plant, is steadily growing in magnitude and importance.

As may readily be inferred from the foregoing brief account of one of Kokomo's most important and far-reaching industries, Mr. Haynes is a man of ability and good judgment, whose mechanical skill has won him world-wide recognition, and whose enterprising spirit few difficulties can discourage. A man of action, he is rarely

mistaken in his judgment of men and things, and readily foresees future possibilities relating to his business interests and determines with a high degree of accuracy their probable bearing. In all transactions he has ever manifested scrupulous integrity and gentlemanly demeanor, and by reason of large success, honorable reputation, unblemished character and just and liberal life, he has nobly earned the esteem in which he is held. While giving personal attention to his large and growing business enterprise, he discharges the duties of citizenship as becomes a broad-minded American of today, and is also interested in all that is calculated to benefit his community and promote the welfare of his fellow men.

EVENTS WON BY HAYNES CARS.

- 1895—First prize, one hundred and fifty dollars for balanced motor, awarded by Chicago Times-Herald.
Speed record, Louisville, Kentucky.
- 1897—Speed record, Charles River Track, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1899—First one thousand mile run in America. This was accomplished by the Phaeton, which ran from Kokomo to New York City.
- 1901—Kokomo to New York in seventy-three hours.
First prize, blue ribbon certificate, Long Island endurance run; one hundred miles during heavy rainstorm without a single stop.
First prize in the New York-Rochester endurance contest.
First prize certificate in the New York-Rochester endurance contest.
First prize, silver cup, five-mile speed contest, Fort Erie track, Buffalo, New York.
First prize, silver cup, ten-mile speed contest, Pointe Grosse track, Detroit, Michigan.

Gold medal award, Pan-American Exposition.

1902—Blue ribbon or highest award at the Long Island non stop contest.

Blue ribbon or highest award at the Decoration Day run.

First-class certificate in New York-Boston-New York reliability contest—standard model.

First-class certificate in New York-Boston-New York reliability contest—surrey model.

1903—First-class certificate in New York-Pittsburg run—touring car.

First-class certificate in New York-Pittsburg run—runabout.

1904—First-class certificate in New York-St. Louis run.

Grand prize, World's Fair, St. Louis.

1905—Qualified in the Vanderbilt cup race with stock car.

1906—Qualified in the Vanderbilt cup race with stock car.

In the final race, held third place on the American team.

1907—Silver cup, Automobile Dealers' Association of Southern California. Five mile race for complete touring cars.

New York Motor Club, New York-Albany endurance contest, two hundred miles through mud and rain. Silver cup for mechanical excellence and finishing first in its class.

Perfect score in four days, sealed bonnet contest, Automobile Club of America, six hundred miles with all working parts under seal—finished without a single adjustment.

Perfect score in Chicago Motor Club sealed bonnet contest— one hundred and seventy-six miles with all working parts under seal.

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Perfect score in run from Los Angeles to Lakeside—most
strenuous contest over mountainous roads.

Perfect score in the Glidden tour. The most difficult tour-
ing contest held in America.

Made fastest time of any car in its class, irrespective of price,
in the Algonquin hill climb, Chicago automobile contest.

Perfect score in New Jersey Automobile Motor Club's twenty-
four-hour endurance contest.

The only perfect score in the Chicago motor score in the
Chicago Motor Club's six hundred-mile reliability con-
test.

1908—Two perfect scores in the Glidden tour of 1908; only two
cars entered.

LEVI P. RICH.

The family of which the subject of this review is a creditable representative has been known in Howard county since the pioneer period and, without invidious comparison, it can with propriety be said that no other name is better known or more highly esteemed in Howard county. Honored and respected by all, there is today no man in the county who occupies a more enviable position in commercial circles than Levi P. Rich, not alone by the success he has achieved but also by reason of the commendable and straight-forward business policy which he has ever pursued and the blameless life he has lived. The Rich family has been known in the

United States since the colonial days, and for many years it was closely identified with the history of Randolph county, North Carolina, where the subject's ancestors appear to have settled on their arrival from England at a period antedating by a number of years the struggle for independence. Thomas H. Rich, the subject's father, a native of the above county and state, migrated to Indiana in 1831 with his parents and settled near Carmel, Hamilton county, where his father, Isaac Rich, purchased land, developed a farm and in due time became one of the leading agriculturists and representative citizens of his community. After residing there until 1848, he disposed of his interests and moved to Howard county, settling in Monroe township, where he bought a quarter section of land which he cleared and otherwise improved and on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1862, at the age of sixty-four years. Thomas H. Rich, son of Isaac and father of Levi P., was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, and in 1831 accompanied his parents to Hamilton county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood. During that time he made the acquaintance of Betsy Peacock, of Grant county, to whom he was later united in marriage. Mrs. Rich was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, and in 1820, when thirteen years old, was brought to Indiana by her parents, Asa and Dinah Peacock, who settled near Richmond, where they became prominent members of the Friends church, with which religious body Mr. and Mrs. Rich were also members. Mr. Peacock was a native of Georgia, but in an early day moved to North Carolina and for a number of years was a well-known resident of Guilford county, where he married and became the father of several children. His removal to Indiana in the early times when roads were mere traces through the wilderness was an experience fraught under many difficulties and hardships, not the least of which was the absence of means of conveyance, the older members of the

family being obliged to make the long and tiresome journey on foot, Mrs. Rich, then a maiden of thirteen, being one of the number reduced to this necessity.

After a residence of nine years in Hamilton county following his marriage, Thomas H. Rich and family moved to Howard county, where his father had preceded him by one year, and settling in Monroe township in due time cleared and developed a good farm about one and one-half miles northeast of New London, which at that time was one of the most thriving and progressive towns in the northern part of the state. He became a leading agriculturist and prominent citizen, was an active and influential member of the Friends church and in no small degree became a molder of opinion in the community of his residence. Among the many improvements on his farm was a fine dwelling erected in the year 1802, but after occupying it about seven years he rented his farm and changed his place of residence to Kokomo, where he made his home from 1809 until his death in 1872, at the age of fifty-three years. He was ever public-spirited, manifesting a lively interest in the cause of religion and education and all enterprises for the general welfare of the community were sure to enlist his sanction and hearty co-operation. Mrs. Rich survived her husband twenty-nine years, departing this life in Kokomo in her eighty-sixth year. She, too, was a leader among the Friends, a regular attendant at all meetings for public worship and an elder of the church, seldom if ever failed to be present at the annual gatherings in which her voice was frequently heard in earnest and eloquent exhortation. The family of this excellent couple consisted of one son and five daughters whose names in order of birth were as follows: Matilda, who married George D. Stalker, a farmer in Iowa, in which state their respective deaths occurred; Minerva, who remained with her mother, ministering to her comfort and otherwise looking after her

interests until the latter's death, she dying unmarried in the year 1907; Elmira, wife of David Haisley, lives at Burr Oak in the state of Kansas; Levi P. is the fourth of the family; the next in succession being Deborah, now Mrs. D. R. Barbour, of Westfield, Indiana; Angeline, the youngest of the children, married Robert Harrison and lives in the city of Kokomo.

Levi P. Rich was born September 27, 1848, on the family homestead in Hamilton county, Indiana, and when about one year old was brought by his parents to Howard county, within the geographical limits of which his subsequent life has been passed. He was reared under wholesome moral influences and early was taught lessons of industry and frugality and grew to the full stature of manhood with the proper conception of the dignity of honest toil and a full appreciation of the duties devolving upon him as a member of society and citizen of the government, in which merit and not class privilege affords the true test of success. At the proper age he entered the schools of New London, which at that time enjoyed much more than local repute for excellence, and in due time earned an honorable record as a diligent and exemplary student. Under the auspices of the Friends church, which manifested great interest in matters educational, the schools of the town were extensively patronized by the leading families of the large area of territory, the principal being a college graduate and an excellent instructor and his assistants men and women of wide experience in their respective lines of work. Under these fortuitous circumstances young Rich made the most of his opportunities and not only kept pace with his classes but in some studies went far in advance of his fellow pupils, earning as already stated an honorable standing in the school as well as the reputation of a boy of steady habits with the object in view of eventually becoming a good and useful citizen. During the spring and summer seasons he assisted his father in the cultivation of the

crops, not the least of which were the fifty or sixty acres of broom corn raised each year, this requiring much attention while growing and no little hard labor to cut and prepare for the factory. In this work Levi bore his part, also helped to cut logs which were sawed into lumber and taken to New London to be made into broom handles. It was while working in a planing mill in June, 1869, at that line of industry that young Rich met with a painful accident which maimed him permanently, namely, the loss of an arm, which unfortunate occurrence changed his future life.

Shortly after this accident Mr. Rich decided to rent his farm and move to Kokomo the better to afford his son the advantages of an advanced education, for he readily foresaw that a man with but a single arm could not successfully make his way through the world at mere physical labor. In due time, therefore, the family removed to the county seat and as soon as it could be conveniently arranged Levi was sent to Earlham College, at Richmond, where by reason of business depression and sickness he was permitted to pursue his studies only one year. Returning home in the spring of 1872, he purchased his father's broom shop in Kokomo and notwithstanding his maimed condition soon became an expert broom maker, turning out a larger number of brooms with his one arm than some of his workmen could make with two. He continued this enterprise with encouraging success for a period of eight years, during which time he employed from two to six assistants and built up a large and lucrative business, manufacturing for both the local and general trade. In the spring of 1878 he was nominated by the Republican party for the office of county recorder, and his election following as a foregone conclusion, the Democracy being in a minority, he took charge of the office in November of the year following and discharged the duties of the position in an able and eminently satisfactory manner until the expiration of his term in 1883.

Mr. Rich possesses clerical ability of a superior order which, united with his uniform courtesy and kindly manner, made him not only an exceedingly capable but also one of the most accomplished and popular public servants that the people of Howard county have ever honored with such an important trust. During the six years following his retirement from office he devoted his attention to real estate and insurance, but in 1803 abandoned those lines of business and began dealing in furniture, purchasing the stock belonging to the M. C. Kitchen estate, which for a number of years was the largest and most successful establishment of the kind in Kokomo. Since becoming proprietor of this establishment Mr. Rich has added greatly to his stock, which now comprises full lines of all kinds of furniture demanded by the general trade, and by his uniformly courteous relations with the public, as well as by his superior business methods, has built up an extensive patronage and forged to the front as one of the most enterprising and successful of the city's business men. He changed his location in 1906 from No. 24 South Main street to the southwest corner of the public square, where he now has much larger and more convenient quarters, occupying two floors of a large brick building in which is to be found everything in the furniture line to suit the ordinary or most fastidious taste. In connection with the furniture business a thoroughly equipped undertaking establishment was maintained for several years, but is now conducted by his son, Kenneth H. Rich, and our subject's former partner, R. W. Dimmitt, who command a patronage second to no other undertaker in the city.

From 1801 to 1804 Mr. Rich served in the city council and proved a valuable member, being chairman of the building committee during his incumbency, and for two years during the regime of Mayor Thorne served as presiding officer of that body during the absence of the mayor. As chairman of the building committee

he was largely instrumental in bringing about the erection of the present beautiful and imposing city hall, taking an active part in preparing plans and specifications, in the adoption of which his ideas and influence finally prevailed. This edifice, which cost the sum of forty thousand dollars, is an ornament to the city, a credit to the promoters and everything considered is one of the finest structures that could possibly be erected for the amount expended in its construction. Mr. Rich was also instrumental in promoting other valuable municipal legislation and while councilman never let an opportunity for benefiting the city pass unimproved, and to him as much perhaps as to any other member is due the credit of encouraging industries that tend to the material advancement of the community, besides taking an active interest in all enterprises and measures having for their object the intellectual, social and moral welfare of his fellow citizens.

On December 30th, of the year 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Rich and S. Josie Heston, a native of Wabash and for a number of years one of the accomplished and popular teachers of that county, a union blessed with the birth of three sons, of whom Kenneth Heston, one of the rising young business men of Kokomo, is at the present time a member of the firm of Rich & Dimmitt, undertakers; he is a married man, his wife having formerly been Grace Morgan, of Kokomo, a lady well known and greatly esteemed in the best social circles of the city. Cecil A., the third in order of birth, who is operator and bookkeeper of the Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company of Kokomo, is a young man of excellent social and business standing, enjoying the confidence of his employers and the high regard of all with whom he mingles. The first born, Eddie, died at the age of four and a half years.

Mr. Rich has been an enthusiastic Odd Fellow for thirty years, having been honored with the important official positions in the

local lodge to which he belongs, besides representing it from time to time in the Grand Lodge of the state. He is also identified with the Ben-Hur lodge, and besides serving as the first chief of the organization in Kokomo has been untiring in his efforts to promote the growth and make it meet the purposes for which designed. A birthright member of the Friends church, he has long been an influential factor in the cause of religion and morality in Howard county, being a leader in the Kokomo congregation, an active member and worker in the Sunday school and for many years superintendent of the same, also a teacher of much more than ordinary ability and experience. A firm believer in the truths of revealed religion he has devoted years of close and critical study to the Holy Scriptures, and is regarded as one of the most scholarly and erudite Bible students as well as one of the ablest and most thorough expositors of the Sacred Word in this part of the country. His deep and abiding interest in matters religious has led him to attend many of the yearly meetings of his church, besides representing as a delegate his own and the Sunday schools of the city in the county and state Sunday school associations, in the deliberations of which bodies his opinions always carry weight and command respect. As a Sunday school superintendent he long ago set a commendable example by always being on time, and during his protracted period of service in this important office he has yet the first time to be tardy. His life has been a strenuous one, replete with duty ably and faithfully performed, and having ever labored for the best interests of the public and for his fellow men, it is a source of satisfaction to realize that the future awaits him with abundant rewards.

WILLIAM WILSON BARNES.

A correct biography of this venerable citizen will show perhaps as much variety of character and event as generally falls to the lot of one man. In early life a merchant's apprentice, then successively a farmer, teacher, mechanic, merchant, politician, public official, real estate dealer, grain buyer, timber and lumber dealer, journalist, in all of which his success was marked, while his influence as an energetic, progressive man of affairs made him a leader among the people of the various communities in which he resided.

William Wilson Barnes is a native of Connecticut, born in the old historic county of Fairfield on the 12th day of November, 1810. His family has been represented in America since the colonial period, his grandfather, Stephen Barnes, an Englishman by birth, emigrating to this country prior to the war of the Revolution, and settling in Connecticut, where he secured a large and valuable estate and became one of the leading men of the community in which he lived.

Although a native of Great Britain, Stephen Barnes espoused the cause of the colonists at the breaking out of the war of the Revolution and during the greater part of that struggle served as commissary in the army of General Washington. At the close of the war he retired to his estate and, as already indicated, became a man of considerable local prominence, as well as one of the largest land owners of the county in which he resided. He was married in his native land, but several of his children were born after he came to this country, among the number being a son by the name of William, the father of the subject of this sketch. After the death of Stephen Barnes his estate passed into the hands of his descendants, by whom it was held for many years and on which several generations of the family were born and reared. William

Barnes first saw the light of day on this ancestral homestead and spent his entire life on the same as an enterprising and successful tiller of the soil. In his young manhood he married Susanna Fowler and in due time became the father of five children, two sons and three daughters, of whom William W., of this review, is the sole survivor. Like his father and grandfather before him William Wilson Barnes was born on the ancestral estate in Fairfield county and spent thirteen years of his life under the parental roof, assisting with the work of the farm and attending the schools of the neighborhood in the meantime. Mr. Barnes recently accidentally discovered the whereabouts of the teacher from whom he was taught his letters when a child. She is still living at the advanced age of ninety-nine years in Connecticut, and Mr. Barnes has been in correspondence with her for about a year.

In his fourteenth year he was taken from school and put in a store to learn the mercantile business, at which he served an apprenticeship of four years without any compensation whatever, the knowledge derived during the period indicated being considered equivalent to the services rendered. The day on which his apprenticeship expired young Barnes deliberately walked out of the store and immediately thereafter went to northern New York, where during the ensuing six months he lived with an uncle who paid him twenty dollars a month for his services as a farm hand, this being the first money he ever earned. With the proceeds of his labor, which he had saved with great care, Mr. Barnes, then but eighteen years of age, started for the great West, going by canal to Buffalo, thence by lake to Cleveland, where he expected to secure employment. Finding nothing to do in that city he continued his journey on foot to Columbus, a distance of one hundred and fifty miles, making thirty miles per day on this part of his trip. Meeting with no success at the latter place he started on foot for Cincinnati, and

after another trip of one hundred and fifty miles arrived at his destination only to meet with the same discouragement that he had previously experienced. After spending ten days in a fruitless quest for employment he left the city, and going about sixty miles to Highland county, passed the required examination for a teacher's license and took charge of a country school which ere the close of the third month had an average attendance of ninety-four pupils. Although but indifferently prepared for this line of work, Mr. Barnes succeeded admirably with his school and earned the reputation of a capable instructor and strict disciplinarian. At the close of his term he purchased a kit of tools and engaged in blacksmithing at the town of Centerfield, a trade in which he had had no previous experience whatever but in which he met with fair success by reason of his natural mechanical skill and for the further reason of never giving up anything he undertook to do. To assist him in the shop, he hired a first-class mechanic who taught him to shoe horses and do various other kinds of work, and during the two years the establishment was in operation he succeeded quite well financially, purchasing a good property in the town and accumulating a considerable sum of ready money.

Seeing as he thought a favorable opening for the goods business at Centerfield, Mr. Barnes borrowed the sum of three thousand dollars, which, with fifteen hundred dollars of his own, he invested in groceries and general merchandise and in due time was in the enjoyment of a very liberal patronage. He bought his first stock in Cincinnati, but subsequently went to Philadelphia, where he found he could do much better, especially in the matter of dry goods, which he purchased fifteen per cent. cheaper than in the former city and had them shipped by canal to within twenty-five miles of his place, hauling the latter distance by team. His success was such that within five years after embarking in business he was

free from indebtedness and had one of the largest mercantile establishments in Centerfield, in addition to which he also bought and sold land on quite an extensive scale, in this way more than doubling the capital invested.

Mr. Barnes early became interested in politics and shortly after locating in Highland county was recognized as one of the leaders of the Whig party in Centerfield. In recognition of his services to the party as well as by reason of his fitness for the position he was appointed postmaster of his town by President Taylor and filled the office for a period of seven years, discharging his duties in an able and painstaking manner and proving a satisfactory and popular public servant.

In the year 1840 when Howard county, Indiana, was surveyed and the land put upon the market, Mr. Barnes with his two brothers-in-law made a tour of observation through the new country with the object in view of purchasing land. The party drove through to Anderson, thence through an almost impassable wilderness to Kokomo, at that time a backwoods village of less than a thousand souls, and from the latter place visited various parts of the county, looking for favorable locations. Being pleased with the prospect, he purchased eighty acres in what is now Howard township at five dollars per acre and later added to this from time to time until his holdings in this county amounted to over six hundred acres, much of which he afterwards disposed of at handsome profits. About the year 1850 he bought for two hundred and fifty dollars a lot on the public square in Kokomo, which he subsequently sold for five hundred dollars, and the original eighty for which he paid the sum of four hundred dollars was sold within a short time for one thousand dollars in excess of the purchase price. Meantime he continued to reside in Ohio, where he made his home until 1864, when he traded his store at Centerfield for three hundred and sixty

acres of Iowa land and a liberal sum in money. This, like his other transactions redounded greatly to his financial advantage. He also dealt quite extensively in Illinois lands, purchasing several tracts in the county of Saline, which he traded for a hotel and grist-mill, the latter of which he operated for several years with most gratifying success, in addition to which he also bought and shipped a large amount of grain, continuing both enterprises until embarrassed by a panic, which caused him a heavy loss, although he went right along with his business without letting his financial condition come to the knowledge of the public. By filling a large contract for flour he obtained sufficient cash to relieve his embarrassment, soon after which he disposed of his business and the greater part of his real estate and in 1864 came to Howard county for the purpose of engaging in the timber and lumber business, purchasing in the spring of 1865 a saw-mill which he located in Howard township, where during the ensuing five or six years he manufactured a large amount of the finer grades of lumber, which he sold at handsome prices. He also dealt in all kinds of building material, which he manufactured and marketed in Kokomo, and while thus engaged continued to trade in real estate in Howard county and elsewhere and seldom, if ever, failed to realize handsomely by his transactions. In addition to his lumber and other interests he cleared and reduced to cultivation a farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres which he purchased originally for one thousand dollars, but which he sold after an occupancy of forty years for the sum of one hundred dollars per acre, besides buying and improving other land in the vicinity and contributing much to the material advancement and prosperity of the county in various ways.

Mr. Barnes was an active and influential worker in establishing the Patrons of Husbandry or Grange movement throughout Howard county, and when the store under the auspices of the organiza-

tion was started in Kokomo in 1873 he was placed in charge of the same, and the first year did a business amounting to considerably in excess of sixty thousand dollars. A public-spirited man in all the term implies, he kept in close touch with the trend of thought and events and for a number of years wielded a strong influence for the Republican party, of which he became an earnest and loyal supporter when it came into existence and to which he continued his allegiance until 1876, when he severed his connection therewith and accepted the principles of the Democratic party. In partnership with a friend, he established a political sheet under the name of *The Democratic Protest*, which he published during the campaign of 1904 and also edited the organ of *The Patrons of Husbandry* while acting as agent for that organization, displaying marked aptitude as a newspaper man and considerable ability as a clear, forcible and pungent writer, whose editorials on the leading public questions and political issues of the day gained for him much more than local repute.

Mr. Barnes has been married twice, the first time in Highland county, Ohio, to Eliza J. Littler, who bore him three sons, two of whom are living. She departed this life in 1860, after a long, mutually happy and prosperous domestic experience. John W. Barnes, one of the offsprings of this union, is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Howard county and a man of influence in public affairs, both locally and throughout the state. He served fourteen years as superintendent of the public schools of the county and for six years was editor and proprietor of *The Richmond Item*, during which time he became as widely and favorably known as an able journalist as he had previously been known as an educator. Returning to Kokomo in 1903, he took charge of *The Alhambra*, which he still manages and now stands in the front rank of the city's enterprising, representative men.

The subject's second marriage was solemnized in December, 1893, with Minnie Justice, a native of Ohio and a lady of sterling worth and high social standing whose courtesy and kindness have become proverbial, and whose numerous acts of charity and benevolence have endeared her to a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Barnes united with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows a number of years ago in the state of Ohio and is still identified with the organization, though not as active in its works as formerly. Although a member of no church, he has great respect for religion and inclines to the beautiful and consistent faith of Universalism.

He has always given his aid and influence to enterprises for the public good, and since becoming a resident of Kokomo has contributed largely to the material advancement of the city and to the social and moral welfare to repletion with good to his fellow men, and now at an advanced age of eighty-eight years he still retains to a marked degree his physical and mental powers, being as keen and alert as in the days of his prime, and keeping abreast of the times in all matters in which the public is interested. He has been a close observer as well as an active participant in the world of affairs, has made his influence felt wherever his lot has been cast and in many respects has been a leader of thought and moulder of opinion among his fellow men. In his beautiful and commodious home on the corner of Jackson and Kennedy streets in the city of Kokomo, he is spending the evening of a long and useful life surrounded by a host of friends whose ardent wish is that his days on earth may yet be many and that his presence may long continue to be a blessing to the world and an incentive to those whose careers are matters for the future to determine.

RICHARD RUDDELL.

The life of the eminent and successful business man, though filled to repletion with activity and incident, presents fewer salient features to excite the interest of the general reader than the man whose place in the public eye has been won through the glamour and display of military achievement. But to acquire distinction or great prosperity in the business pursuits which give to the country its financial strength and credit requires ability of as high if not higher order than that which leads to victory on the field of battle. This will be readily appreciated by all who tread the busy thoroughfare of trade. Ordinarily, merit may attain a respectable position and enjoy a moderate competence, but to spring from the common walks of life to the first place of monetary credit and power can only be the fortune of a rarely gifted personage. Eminent business talent is composed of a combination of high mental and moral attributes. It is not simply energy and industry; there must be sound judgment, breadth of capacity, rapidity of thought, justice and firmness, the foresight to perceive the course of the drifting tides of business and the will and ability to control them, and, withal, a collection of minor but important qualities to regulate the details of the pursuits which engage attention. The subject of this review affords an exemplification of this talent, if not in its highest development, yet an extraordinary character, and notwithstanding the limited theater of his operations he has achieved a reputation which places him among the first of Indiana's eminent financiers and distinguished business men.

Richard Ruddell, president of the Citizens' National Bank of Kokomo, was born in Rush county, Indiana, on the thirty-first day of August, 1850, of respectable parents whose fortune, however, did not admit of their starting their son in life with those advan-

tages which, to a certain extent, supersele the necessity of relying upon one's own exertions. His father, George Ruddell, was a dealer in live stock and fairly successful in his business dealings, thought by no means wealthy in the sense the term is usually accepted. When Richard was a year old his parents removed to Wabash, Indiana, where the father engaged in business and in the schools of which place the son obtained the knowledge of books which, supplemented by contact with the world, has made him a widely informed and practically a well educated man. On quitting his studies young Ruddell worked for some time at various kinds of employment and then accepted a clerkship with a Wabash mercantile firm, in which capacity he continued during the ensuing six years, when he resigned his position to engage in the boot and shoe trade in that city. His previous experience as a salesman enabled him to bring to his business a well disciplined mind, with the result that his mercantile venture proved successful from the beginning, and it was not long until he added dry goods to his stock and built up a lucrative patronage which in due time made him one of the most enterprising merchants of the city. After conducting a very prosperous business in Wabash until 1882, he disposed of his interests there, and purchasing the old and well-known dry goods establishment of Haskett & Company in Kokomo, the largest and most successful mercantile house in the city, embarked upon a business which at once placed him among the foremost merchants of the place, and which under his successful management grew in magnitude and importance until the house more than regained its former ascendancy as one of the leading dry goods stores in the northern part of the state. Increasing the stock by the addition of full and complete lines of general merchandise, he soon built up a trade which amounted to one hundred thousand dollars annually, this volume of business being easily maintained during the six years he

remained at the head of the establishment, as was also its reputation for fair and honorable dealing. At the expiration of the period indicated, Mr. Ruddell decided to turn his attention to another line of enterprise: accordingly, in 1880, he retired from the mercantile business and on October 8th of that year organized the Citizens' National Bank of Kokomo, which, like his previous enterprises, has fully justified his expectations by becoming one of the leading institutions of the kind in this part of the state, doing a large and steadily increasing business and growing constantly in public favor. As president of this institution he has displayed executive ability of a high order, besides a familiarity with monetary matters which has made him an authority on banking and won for him a conspicuous place among the representative financiers of the state. In addition to the lines of business enumerated, Mr. Ruddell has also been quite active in promoting the material growth of Kokomo, and to this end has become interested in various industrial enterprises which have added greatly to the city's high standing as an important manufacturing and business center. Among the enterprises with which he is identified and for the growth of which he has contributed liberally of his means and influence are the Kokomo Steel and Wire Company, the Kokomo Nail and Brad Company, the Globe Stove Company and others of lesser note, being a heavy stockholder in several of these concerns and officially connected with their management. As a business man fully in touch with the progress of the times, Mr. Ruddell easily stands in the front rank among his compeers in the state of Indiana, being broad-minded and liberal in his relations with the public and possessing a genius for large and important undertakings. His judgment has ever been sound and seldom at fault, his foresight clear and accurate, these qualities, with shrewd tact and well-developed common sense, enabling him to achieve a series of continued successes

such as few in a much longer life attain. Although in his fifty-eighth year, he still retains to a marked degree the possession of his physical powers, while his mental faculties are as strong and vigorous as they were at the beginning of his career. His private life has been marked by honor, integrity and a strong sense of justice, which have won for him the confidence and esteem of all who come within the range of his influence. Independent in his political views, he has ever avoided, rather than sought, the arena of political conflict, though always ready to assume any burden his friends might deem it expedient for him to bear. With an abiding interest in the welfare of his fellow men, he has been active in promoting the general good, and for a period of nine years was a member of the city school board, serving as secretary-treasurer and president of the board three terms each.

Mr. Ruddell has a beautiful and palatial home, one of the finest and most attractive in the city, the presiding spirit of which is the gentle and refined lady who so worthily bears his name and to whom he was united in marriage in June, 1878. Mrs. Ruddell before her marriage was Rose McLain, the daughter of Judge McLain, of Wabash, in which city she spent her girlhood and received her educational training. She has borne her husband three children, the oldest of whom, a daughter by the name of Ruth, is the wife of J. C. Patton; Raymond, the second in order of birth, is manager of the Kokomo Nail and Brad Company, and Fred, the youngest member of the family, holds a position in the bank. Mrs. Ruddell, who is a lady of many admirable qualities, moves in the best social circles of Kokomo and is also interested in various lines of educational and benevolent work, being a member of the Orphan Home Society.

The Citizens' National Bank, of which Mr. Ruddell is president and chief stockholder, was organized October 8, 1889, with a

capital of one hundred thousand dollars, which was increased to two hundred thousand dollars in December of 1907. The bank has met with encouraging success and, as stated in a preceding paragraph, its steady growth in public favor, managed as it is by safe and conservative business men, is indicative of its solidity and popularity, being at this time one of the best known institutions of the kind in the northern part of the state. There are now on deposit about one million one hundred thousand dollars, with sixty thousand dollars surplus. The original incorporators were Richard Ruddell, Jacob R. Bruner, George W. Landon, J. C. Blackledge and others, the first named being elected president, which responsible position he has since filled to the satisfaction of all concerned. The other officials at this time are G. W. Landon, vice president; Frank McCarthy, cashier; R. F. Scherer, assistant cashier.

WILLIAM L. BENSON.

It is one of the beauties of our government that it acknowledges no hereditary rank or title—no patent of nobility save that of nature's, leaving every man to establish his own rank by becoming the artificer of his own fortune. Places of honor and trust, rank and preferment thus happily placed before every individual, high or low, rich or poor, to be striven for by all, but earned alone by perseverance and sterling worth, are most always sure to be filled with deserving men, or at least by those possessing the energy and talent essential to success in contests where public position is the prize. William L. Benson, the subject of this review, affords a conspicuous example of the successful self-made American who is not only eminently deserving of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow

citizens, but also possesses the necessary energy and talent that fit him to discharge worthily the duties of the responsible place with which he has been honored by the people of his county. A man of vigorous mentality and strong moral fiber, he achieved signal success in a calling in which but few rise above mediocrity, and since entering the service of the public he finds those same qualities the chief factors in the carving out of a career that has been above the suspicion of reproach and an honor to the county which he so ably and acceptably serves.

Mr. Benson's paternal ancestors were English and Welsh, and the first representatives of his family to come to the United States were his grandparents, Robert and Mary E. Benson, having moved in an early day to North Carolina, where they lived for some time after emigration from England.

Jesse L. Benson, son of the above and father of William L., was born near Raleigh, North Carolina, April 1, 1810, and when a young man married in Cincinnati, Ohio, Deborah Z. Coles whose birth occurred in September of the same year (1810) at Reading, Pennsylvania. He came west several years prior to his marriage and about 1833 settled at Rockville, Park county, Indiana, then moved to Thorntown, Boone county, when there were only two houses in that now prosperous city. He was the first merchant at Thorntown, where he conducted a thriving business until 1860, when he moved to Westfield, in the county of Hamilton, where his brother, Julius L., had located some years previously to practice medicine. Mr. Benson had already prepared himself for the medical profession by a course in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and immediately after moving to Westfield he became associated with his brother and during the ensuing year and a half the two built up a large and lucrative professional business and achieved more than local repute as successful physicians. At the expiration

of the time indicated Mr. Benson changed his place of residence to the town of Atlanta, Hamilton county, where he practiced about one year and then moved to Windfall in 1863, and in a few months afterward he removed to the town of Jerome, Howard county. After a successful practice of five years at that place he moved to Waumecong, thence subsequently to Miamitown, where he continued to reside until 1870, when he returned to Jerome, where his death occurred three years later. His widow survived about eleven years, departing this life in Kokomo on the twenty-first day of March, 1881.

Jesse L. and Deborah Z. Benson were the parents of nine children, of whom but three survive. Henry C., the oldest, lives at Hagerstown, Indiana; Albert, the third in order of birth and a soldier in the Civil war, died in Colliersville, Tennessee; Charles F., the fifth in order of birth, also served during the Rebellion, was captured at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, and held a prisoner in Alabama until paroled, when he started northward aboard the ill-fated boat Sultan and was severely injured by the blowing up of the vessel on the Mississippi river in April, 1865, being violently thrown from the deck into the water, where he floated seven miles before being rescued. In addition to this accident he was three times wounded in as many battles and never recovered from the effects of his injuries, being in a sanitarium near Richmond, Indiana, for the past twenty years. Preston, the sixth son, died when a young man; Eugene, the seventh, a soldier during the Rebellion and for a number of years a harness maker in Kokomo, died in that city October 20, 1905. Mary Emily married Dr. Deming, of Lafayette, and died at the early age of twenty years; Henriette, the fourth child, wife of F. M. Hill, of Tipton, died when about fifty-five years old; Carrie, the youngest daughter, was twice married and died in early life.

William L. Benson, the youngest of the family, was born February 2, 1852, in Boone county, Indiana, and spent his early life at the various places where his father practiced medicine, attending school the meanwhile and making rapid progress in his studies. At the age of twenty he entered upon the long and eminently honorable career as a teacher over a period of twenty-eight years, during which time he achieved marked success in his chosen calling and earned the reputation of one of the ablest and most progressive educators in the county of Howard, to which his labors were confined. He taught his first school in Union township and afterwards in the township of Liberty, Clay and Center townships, remaining six years in one district, five in another, four in another, and in the other places from one to two years each, his repeated retention in the same school bearing ample testimony to his efficiency and popularity as an instructor.

In his educational work Mr. Benson strove to produce symmetrically developed minds and to this end did not, as so many do, neglect the child's moral nature, his aim being to fit his pupils for usefulness and to become good and praiseworthy citizens. He also impressed upon the minds of not a few the necessity of entering the teacher's profession, and during his twenty-eight years of service he turned out a large number of well prepared teachers, perhaps more than any other educator in the northern part of the state. Many of his former pupils are now filling positions of honor and trust in various spheres of endeavor, while others not so well known have become useful members of society by putting into practice the many excellent principles and precepts imparted to them under his instruction. Among those who formerly profited by his discipline may be mentioned Professor William E. Henry, ex-state librarian, now librarian of the University of Washington, in the city of Seattle, and others who have attained to places of

more than ordinary importance in the world of affairs. It frequently fell to Mr. Benson to assist the county superintendent, and in this way he became widely known among the teachers of the county, by all of whom he was held in very high esteem and considered an authority on school management and educational methods. At the close of his school in the spring of 1898 he was appointed deputy county auditor by Milton Garrigus, and at the expiration of that gentleman's term he served in a similar capacity under A. R. Ellis, continuing with the latter until he too left the office on January 1, 1905. Meantime in 1904 he was nominated as the most available candidate for auditor and in the election of that year defeated his Democratic competitor by a decisive majority and entered upon the duties of the position with a previous experience that made him familiar with its every detail.

Mr. Benson's public record is without a stain and he discharges the functions of the office with the same care and conscientious regard for the interests in his charge that characterized his school work and gained for him the confidence of his pupils and patrons. During his incumbency, the duties of the auditor have greatly increased owing to the large number of free gravel roads constructed throughout the county, these alone entailing so much additional work that at times the services of an extra deputy are required, two being continuously employed.

Mr. Benson, although reared a Democrat, is a Republican in all the term implies, but not a narrow partisan. He has served as delegate to various county, district and state conventions and made his influence felt in these bodies as well as in the councils of his party and in the planning and conducting campaigns. He has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1860, having passed all the chairs in the local lodge and Encampment, besides representing both branches of the order in the Grand Lodge of the state.

Mr. Benson's domestic life dates from 1873, on December 30th of which year was solemnized his marriage with Alice I. Jackson, who died January 25, 1875, leaving one son, Lewis, in the city of Toledo. The subject's second marriage took place on the 14th of June, 1876, when Sarah E., daughter of William and Mary Hatfield, became his wife, this union being blessed with three offsprings, namely: Lawrence, born September 4, 1877, his father's deputy; Clarence Monroe, born July 23, 1886, also holds a position in the auditor's office as assistant deputy, and Vera, who died at the early age of one year.

At one time Mr. Benson seriously considered making medicine his life work, and began a course of professional study under the direction of his father, but the calling not being altogether to his taste he finally decided to abandon it for the more agreeable work of the school room. Had he continued the preparation, however, he doubtless would have succeeded, as success has attended his every endeavor; but he has no regrets for his course, for as matters have turned out there are today hundreds of strong men and womanly women who attribute to him their advancement in life and their usefulness as honorable members of society. He has always been a busy man, his duties being many and varied, in consequence of which he finds little time for vacations, spending the entire year in looking after his office and such matters as come within his province. Mr. Benson is one of Howard county's most intelligent and enterprising citizens, and the conspicuous place to which he has attained in the esteem and confidence of the public has been fairly and honorably earned. He numbers his friends by the score wherever known, and the hope is universally and emphatically expressed that his life and health may be preserved and the public permitted for many years to enjoy the benefit of his presence in still higher stations than the one he now adorns.

MARTIN W. EIKENBERRY.

Praise is always due to merit and especially where merit is the product of unassisted energy and perseverance. The self-made man commands our highest respect. Those struggles by means of which he has risen from obscurity to honorable distinction cannot fail to enlist sympathy and call forth our warmest applause. The subject of this review is a notable example of the successful self-made man, and as such has made his influence felt among his fellow citizens by rising to one of the most important positions within their power to confer, being at the present time the capable and popular clerk of the Howard county circuit court, in which office he has displayed ability of a high order and fully met the high expectations of his friends and the general public.

Martin W. Eikenberry springs from a large family which had its origin in Germany, but whose representatives are now scattered over a large portion of the United States, being especially numerous in the northern part of Indiana, quite a number residing in Howard county. The name is an old and honorable one and wherever known stands for upright manhood and sterling citizenship. Those bearing it have ever been jealous of the family honor, and tracing the genealogy back through a long line of sturdy ancestors but few, if any, instances can be discovered in which that honor has been sullied or its luster tarnished by the commission of unworthy acts. The subject of this review is a creditable representative of the family and inherits to a marked degree many of the sterling qualities by which his antecedents have long been distinguished. He is a native of Clinton county, Indiana, where his birth occurred on September 7, 1858, and is the son of Peter and Margaret (Eaton) Eikenberry, both of whom died in that county, the father in 1805, the mother several years previous. Left an orphan at the early

age of seven years, young Martin made his home with an uncle, Samuel Eikenberry, of Carroll county, until his twenty-second year, in the meantime receiving a common school education and becoming familiar with the more practical duties of the farm. In the year 1880, he accepted a position in a general store at Middlefork and was thus engaged until 1886, when he resigned his clerkship and the following year came to Howard county to engage in farming. After spending two years at this vocation he disposed of his interests in this county and in 1889 went to Nebraska, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he returned to Indiana and again resumed farming in Howard county, which he continued with fair success for six years, his place of residence during that time being in the township of Monroe.

In 1899 Mr. Eikenberry discontinued tilling the soil to enter the employ of Eikenberry Brothers, a mercantile firm of Russiaville, for whom he kept books during the four succeeding years, and at the expiration of that period became collector for Eikenberry Brothers, in which capacity he continued for five years, spending the greater part of the time on the road. While still a youth in his teens, he began taking an interest in public and political affairs and in due time became not only well informed on the questions of the day but quite an influential local politician, his services in behalf of the Republican party being duly recognized and appreciated in his various places of residence. At the earnest solicitation of his friends he was induced in 1902 to contend for the nomination of clerk of the courts, but his competitor being a very popular man, with a large following, he was defeated in the convention, though by a very small majority, this fact leading him to make a second attempt four years later, when he was successful.

A Republican nomination in Howard county being almost equivalent to an election, it followed as a matter of course that Mr.

Eikenberry carried the full party strength at the polls in 1906 and triumphed by a very decisive majority, though he did not take possession of the office until January 1, 1908. Since entering upon his official duties he has proven a very capable and obliging public servant, being exceedingly diligent and methodical in the routine work of the office and sparing no pains in looking after the important trust with which he has been honored.

Mr. Eikenberry has never failed to show a loyal interest in the welfare of the county in which he resides, and is ever ready to lend his aid and co-operation in the support of measures for the general good of the same. He is public-spirited in all the term implies, believes in progressive measures in every line of activity, and all laudable enterprises for the benefit of his fellow men are sure to find in him an ardent advocate and liberal patron.

In every relation of life he is zealous, ambitious and successful, but no act inconsistent with the strictest integrity has ever been imputed to him, nor has his name ever been connected with any measure or movement that would not bear the closest and most critical scrutiny. Thus far his official career has fully demonstrated the wisdom of his party in his nomination and election, and that the future will but add to a reputation that has ever been above reproach is universally conceded by his many friends throughout the county, irrespective of political differences.

In 1880 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Eikenberry and Angeline Bock, daughter of Rev. Daniel Bock, a well-known minister of the German Baptist church, who moved from Ohio to Howard county when Mrs. Eikenberry was a child and settled in Ervin township.

Mrs. Eikenberry was reared and educated in the above township and is a lady of many estimable qualities, popular among her friends and highly esteemed in the social circles of the city in which

she lives. She has borne her husband four children, whose names are as follows: Roxie, wife of Earl Woody, of Russiaville; Edna, a stenographer and her father's deputy in the clerk's office; Daniel H., a freshman in the State University, and Loren, a student in the Kokomo high school. Mr. and Mrs. Eikenberry hold membership with the United Brethren church of Kokomo, and take an active interest in all lines of religious and benevolent work under the auspices of the congregation, contributing liberally to the support of the Gospel and demonstrating by their daily lives the beauty and exceeding worth of Christianity when practically applied.

CHARLES M. PIERCY.

One of the most difficult literary tasks is to write an unexceptionable memoir of a living man. If the life is worthy of record there is always danger of offending that delicacy which is inseparable from merit: for even moderate praise, when it meets the eyes of its subject is apt to seem fulsome, while a nice sense of propriety would not be the less wounded by a dry abstract containing nothing but names and dates. To sum up a career which is not yet ended would appear like recording events which have not transpired: since justly to estimate the scope and meaning of a history it is important that we have the closing chapter. In writing biographical notice, therefore, the chronicler from the moment he takes up his pen should consider the subject as no longer among his contemporaries, for thus he will avoid the fear of offending by bestowing praise where it is merited and escape the risk of giving but a fragmentary view of that which must eventually be taken as a unit. At some risk, therefore, the writer in this connection addresses himself to the

task of placing on record the life and character of a man who, by the force of strong individuality, has achieved more than ordinary success in one of the most responsible and exacting callings, and by sheer force of individuality won for himself an enviable position among the leading men of the city and county honored by his citizenship.

Charles M. Piercy, for a number of years one of the most enterprising and progressive educators of Howard county, is a native of Franklin county, Ohio, and the son of William and Phoebe Piercy, the father an American by birth; the mother, whose family name was Goodwine, was born in Germany. Mrs. Piercy was brought to this country in childhood and grew to maturity in Ohio, where in due time she was married. Later the family came to Indiana and located at Anderson, where Mrs. Piercy maintained her children by working as a nurse, subsequently becoming a tailoress, in both of which callings she acquired more than ordinary efficiency and skill. The subject was a small boy when the family moved to the above place, where he remained until his tenth year, at which time (1865) he accompanied his mother to Howard county, where she has since resided, her present home being in the city of Kokomo. To William and Phoebe Piercy were born six children, four daughters and two sons, one of the former, Mollie M., who married Marion Fletcher, dying in 1860, and one of the latter departing this life when a child of two years. Those living are Charles M., of this review; Emma L., widow of the late G. W. Moore, of Kokomo; Ora, wife of W. E. Hayes, also of Kokomo, and Clara C., who lives in Chicago.

Charles M. Piercy, whose birth occurred on the 11th day of February, 1855, was quite young when the family moved from Ohio to Indiana, and, as already indicated, he spent his early childhood in Newton county and in 1865 was brought by his mother to

the county with which he has since been very closely identified. On coming to Howard county he made his home with his uncle, Charles P. Goodwine, a prosperous farmer of Howard township, with whom he lived until his eighteenth year, in the meantime becoming familiar with the rugged duties of country life and learning those lessons of industry and consecutive effort which proved of such value to him in after years. Leaving the farm in 1870, he came to Kokomo to learn the carpenter's trade with Lewis Goodwine, another uncle, under whose direction he continued until becoming a proficient workman, meanwhile attending at interludes the public schools of the city, in which he made substantial progress in his various studies. While living in the country he attended the district school during the winter seasons, and having early manifested a decided taste for study and books determined to acquire a good education, in which laudable ambition he was heartily seconded by his mother, who gave him all the encouragement within her power. When he began working for himself at the age of twenty-two it was with the one object of mental improvement ever uppermost in his thoughts, and being a good mechanic it was not long until he was enabled to carry out his plans by entering in 1876 the Northern Indiana Normal University, at Valparaiso, which he attended during the spring and summer terms of that year, in the fall becoming a student of the Howard county normal at Kokomo. Devoting himself assiduously to his studies with the object in view of becoming a teacher, he was enabled in the fall of the above year to pass the examination and secure a license, immediately after which he was hired to teach in the same country district school where he had formerly attended school, his first term proving a decided success, as he pleased both patrons and pupils and earned a creditable record as a capable and painstaking instructor.

Mr. Piercy continued to teach in Howard county until 1879, when he went to Kansas, but not finding the advantages there that

he had anticipated he soon returned to this county, and after teaching one term in Center township entered the State Normal school at Terre Haute, which he attended until becoming principal of the fourth ward school at Kokomo in the fall of 1881. Resigning this position after one term, he was chosen principal of the Center township graded school at Grange Hall, where he taught the ensuing three years, at the expiration of which time he took charge of the seventh year work in the Kokomo city schools and continued the same with great satisfaction of the board and patrons from 1885 to 1887, returning to Grange Hall in the latter year. After two more years as principal of that school Mr. Piercy in 1886 was again made principal of the old fourth ward school in Kokomo, which position he held until 1891, when he obtained a leave of absence for the purpose of further prosecuting his studies in the State Normal school, which institution he attended during the period indicated and at intervals thereafter until finishing the prescribed course and receiving his certificate of graduation in 1890. Meantime a new building of eleven rooms had been erected in Kokomo, of which Mr. Piercy was made principal, with seven assistants; he taught in this place before and after completing the course of work in the State Normal, and in 1898 was transferred to the old Normal building of District No. 1, where with nine assistants he taught very successfully for a period of six years, during which time he earned distinctive prestige as one of the leading educators of the city and became widely and favorably known among the progressive school men of Howard and neighboring counties. Mr. Piercy taught his last term as principal of the New Central building during the year 1903-4, at the expiration of which he resigned his position, severed his connection with educational work and turned his attention to business pursuits, being since that

time proprietor of a wood and coal yard on the corner of Buckeye and Monroe streets in the city of Kokomo and commanding an extensive and lucrative patronage.

As a teacher Mr. Piercy had few equals and no superiors in the county, where his signal success was achieved, and during his fifteen years of service he spared no pains to fit himself for efficiency in the profession, having in addition to finishing his course in the State Normal school attended several summer terms at the Indiana State University at Bloomington. A man of high ideals, he strove earnestly to impress upon the minds of his pupils the necessity of correct living, and to this end his aim was ever in the direction of symmetrical development, instead of devoting his entire attention to the cultivation of the intellect. His efforts to promote the moral well-being of those under his charge won for him a warm and abiding place in their affections, and today his most loyal and devoted friends are to be found among the men and women who as boys and girls profited by his instruction and were induced to aspire to higher aims in life through his counsel and advice.

Mr. Piercy is a Republican in politics and takes an active interest in public affairs, being an influential factor in his party and well informed on the leading questions in issue before the people. In religion he is a consistent member of the Christian church of Kokomo, to which his wife also belongs, and his fraternal relations are represented by the Pythian Order, in which he has served in the capacity of vice chancellor.

Mr. Piercy is a married man and the father of four children, his wife, to whom he was united in the bonds of wedlock on September 5, 1864, having formerly been Sallie Garr, who was born and reared in Center township, Howard county, in the public schools of which and the Female College at Eminence, Kentucky, she received her educational training. The names of the children born

to Mr. and Mrs. Piercy are Frances Ruth, Mary Lucile, George William Garr and John Charles Monroe.

GEORGE W. FREEMAN.

Under a popular government like that of the United States where the democratic idea of equality is as fully developed as the present imperfect condition of mankind will permit, we expect as its legitimate result the triumph of individual worth and energy over all the competition that wealth and class may array against them. Here the avenues of wealth and distinction are fully opened to all, which fact enhances rather than detracts from the merits of those whose energy and integrity have triumphed over all obstacles intervening between an humble position and the attainment of these laudable ends. Obscurity and labor at no time dishonorable never assume more attractive features than when the former appears as the nurse of those virtues which the latter, by years of honest and persevering effort, transplants to a higher and richer soil; hence, the biographer of those men of sterling worth whose active enterprise has won for them distinction, pre-eminence and commanding influence in the society in which they move must be replete with facts which should encourage and instruct the young. Such is the subject of this sketch, who holds marked prestige among the successful self-made men of his county and who by the exercise of those talents and qualities which have been cultivated from his youth, has reached an honorable position in the public service and earned the respect and high esteem of his fellow citizens.

George W. Freeman, county recorder, is a native of Monroe county, Indiana, and the son of Joseph C. and Jennie (Cox) Free-

man, the father, a farmer and old soldier, now living in retirement at his home in the town of Russiaville; the mother also living at this writing, 1908.

The subject, who was born September 21, 1873, spent his childhood and youth near the place of his birth and was early taught the habits of industry and self-reliance which led to his subsequent career of usefulness in one of the most exacting of callings and paved the way to the position of honor and trust which he now so worthily holds. When quite young he evinced a decided taste for study and books, and on entering school experienced little difficulty in keeping easy pace with his classes and later far exceed those of his age in intellectual attainments, besides finding time to inform himself upon a wide and varied number of subjects. After finishing the usual course in the grade schools of Russiaville he prosecuted the higher branches of study at the Central Normal College at Danville, where, in addition to a general literary discipline he prepared himself for teaching, which profession he entered at the youthful age of eighteen and to which he devoted his attention with marked success during the sixteen years following. Mr. Freeman's first educational work was done in the country, but subsequently he became principal and teacher of various village and town schools, having had charge of the schools of Fairfield for two years, and for a period of eleven consecutive terms was principal at Russiaville, the second place of importance in the county. During his period of service his efforts were decidedly effective in raising the schools to a high standard of excellence and making them among the very best in the county. The high character of his professional instruction causing a wide demand for his services in Howard and neighboring counties and giving him a reputation second to no other educator in this part of the state.

Aside from his professional work, Mr. Freeman for a number

of years has been deeply interested in public questions and as a staunch and uncompromising Republican was not long in coming to the front as a leader of the party in the community where he resided. In recognition of his political services he was nominated in 1906 for the office of county recorder, receiving at the primaries the largest vote in the history of the county, defeating his competitor by a majority of two thousand three hundred and fifteen, the subsequent election only serving to confirm the people's choice, as he was elected by an overwhelming majority, running far in advance of the other candidates on the ticket.

His triumphant election to one of the most important offices within the gift of the public was certainly a compliment to his worth and popularity among the people of the county regardless of political affiliations, and thus far his official career has fully met the expectations of his many friends and admirers, and justified the party in the wisdom of its choice. Mr. Freeman although elected in November, 1906, did not take possession of his office until January, 1908, since which time he has devoted his entire attention to his duties, his previous experience as a teacher and student peculiarly adapting him for the clerical work, the position of recorder entails. He discharges his official functions with neatness and dispatch, treats all who have business in the office with characteristic courtesy and it is generally conceded that this county has never been honored by a more gentlemanly and obliging public servant.

Mr. Freeman has been a resident of Howard county since 1880, and during the intervening period has manifested a lively regard for its welfare, as his activity in advancing the cause of education and his deep interest in all enterprises having for their object the general good of the people abundantly indicate. He is a man of liberal ideas, takes broad views of men and affairs and, standing for

progress in the modern sense of the term, bends all of his energies to the attainment of the same. Personally, few stand as high in public esteem, while his popularity is bounded only by the limits of his acquaintance, possessing as he does the amiable qualities of mind and heart that win friends and retain their loyalty.

Mr. Freeman on December 9, 1864, was united in marriage with Dora Hart, a cultured and intelligent lady of Russiaville, their union being blessed with five children, namely: George W., Paul D., H. Esther, Ava M. and Burrell B., all living and with their fond parents constituting a very happy and contented domestic circle. This subject holds membership with the Baptist church at Russiaville, and has been among the organization's most active and influential workers, he being superintendent of the Sunday school for ten years, and one of the leading Sunday school men of the county, having served as delegate to the state Sunday school convention, besides taking a prominent part in promoting this branch of religious endeavor in many places. He is also president of the Judson Association Sunday School Convention, which comprises several counties of this section of the state. His wife is a member of the Christian church at Russiaville.

In the year of 1864 Mr. Freeman experienced a painful and serious misfortune in the loss of one of his lower limbs, caused by blood poisoning from an accident to the knee joint. Although considerably discommoded by having to finish the remainder of life's journey on one foot, he has never repined nor become discouraged, but taking an optimistic view of things, has become habituated to his changed condition and finds much for which to be thankful, not the least being the universal regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens of Howard county.

THOMAS SHERMAN GERHART.

It is not an easy task adequately to describe the character of a man who has led an eminently active and busy life in connection with the great legal profession and who has stamped his individuality on the plane of definite accomplishment in one of the most exacting fields of human endeavor. Yet there is always full measure of satisfaction in adverting, even in a casual way, to the career of an able and conscientious worker in any line of human endeavor. Among the truly self-made and representative men of Howard county none ranks higher than the honorable gentleman whose name heads this sketch, who came to Kokomo in 1901, where he soon became a conspicuous figure in the civic life of the community. A man of tireless energy and indomitable courage, he has won and held the unqualified esteem of his fellow citizens. With the law as his profession from young manhood, he has won a brilliant reputation and the future gives promise of still much greater things for him.

Thomas Sherman Gerhart is a Hoosier by birth, having been born in Whitley county, Indiana, April 20, 1868, the son of Jacob and Margaret Ann (Norris) Gerhart, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Whitley county, this state, both of whom are still living in 1968 on the old home-stead near Lawrenceville, Illinois, where they moved in 1870.

Our subject attended the common schools at Lawrenceville, Illinois. Being one of the seven children and his father having been a man of limited resources at that time, our subject found it necessary to work his way to educational advantages as best he could. This he did principally by teaching school. After teaching two terms of country school he became principal and afterward superintendent of the Lawrenceville high school. He held first grade

license issued by the county superintendents in Illinois. Between school terms he took an academic course in Vincennes University, graduating from that institution in 1904. While a student there he ranked second in a gold medal contest in oratory and he was chosen by the board of trustees of this school as orator of commencement day. He also did some experimental work at the State University of Indiana at Bloomington, attending the liberal arts department and ranking junior in that apartment, doing mathematical and historical work. He was chosen class day orator to deliver the "ivy oration" to the graduation class of 1901, at the State University. While in Vincennes University, Lieutenant Van Fleet, of West Point, offered him the captaincy of the University Cadets, but he declined and recommended a boy whom he thought better qualified. He was also offered the first sergeantship of the Vincennes Cadets, which body went to Cuba during the Spanish-American war, but declined on account of ill health at the time, he just recovering from typhoid fever. He ranked second in a gold medal contest for best drilled cadet in a company of about sixty, being defeated by a young man especially drilled by him for the contest. Mr. Gerhart was also a student in the commercial department of Mount Morris College, Ogle county, Illinois, in 1890. He was tendered the principalship of the city schools at Pulman, Washington, in 1896. He resigned the superintendency of the Lawrenceville schools when he entered the law department of the State University in 1899. After the completion of this work he came to Kokomo and formed a law partnership with John W. Cooper. Since casting his citizenship with the people of Howard county he has been variously honored by the electorate of his adopted city. He has been a resident of the city only two years when he was elected a member of the city council, which he resigned to accept the appointment of city judge tendered him by Governor Hanley. At the expiration of his term as city

judge he was appointed by the governor as a member of the police board at the governor's solicitude and having filled that place so acceptably, he was re-appointed in 1908.

Mr. Gerhart has always been more or less interested in politics, having taken an active part in his party's affairs since he was eighteen years old. He was a delegate to the Ninth District Republican convention in 1902 from Howard county, in which gathering his influence was distinctly felt. When twenty-three years old he lacked only four votes of election in a Democratic township that was from fifty to one hundred Democratic. When only twenty-one years old he was chairman of his township delegation in the county convention.

While practicing law Judge Gerhart successfully prosecuted a case against the United States Express Company for failure to deliver express packages in cities of two thousand and five hundred population. This case was taken to the supreme court of the state of Indiana and is now cited as a precedent. The case is fully reported in volume thirty-one of "American and English R. R. Cases," as well as in volume one hundred and sixty-four, of the Indiana Supreme Court Reporter.

Mr. Gerhart is a progressive Republican, whose advice is often sought in the councils of his party and the offices of public trust that he has held have been attended to with unerring ability and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Our subject's domestic life dates from June 15, 1898, when he was happily married to Caroline Jennings Clark, daughter of the Rev. T. J. Clark, of Bloomington, Indiana. She is a woman of many admirable traits and the representative of a highly esteemed and influential family. To this union two sons have been born, both bright and interesting children, their names being Francis Clark, age six, and Charles Thomas, age two, in 1908.

Judge Gerhart is a member of the Main street Christian church, Kokomo, in which he has served as deacon or elder since 1902. He has a wide acquaintance over the state, having been admitted to practice in the local, state and federal courts. His learning, capacity, aptitude and persistency are readily recognized and the prophecy of his friends is that he will be favored with many additional honors from his fellow citizens. He has an unblemished record, having always been upright and honorable in all his relations with his fellow men, setting a worthy example of a public-spirited, honest, energetic and wholesome character, such as the public always delights to reward and honor.

JOSEPH L. GRIFFITH.

All credit is due a man who wins success in spite of obstacles and by persistency and energy gains a competence and a position of honor as a man and citizen. The record of the subject of this sketch is that of such a man, for he came to Howard county in the days of her rapid growth and here worked out his way to definite success and independence. He quickly adapted himself to the conditions which he found here and has labored so consecutively and effectively that he is now the manager of a thriving business in Kokomo, where he is held in high regard by all who know him, having here maintained his home since 1890.

Joseph L. Griffith is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, having first seen the light of day there November 9, 1848, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McKinley) Griffith, this family being an old and well established one in the Buckeye state, the father of the subject having been born in Fairfield county, where he spent his life

and where he was called from his earthly labors. The subject's paternal grandfather was from Pennsylvania. The McKinleys were relatives of the late President McKinley and the subject's paternal grandmother was an aunt of the distinguished statesman.

Joseph L. Griffith was born on a farm where he worked in his boyhood, attending the rural schools, receiving a fairly good common school education. It will be remembered that President McKinley was a school teacher in his youth, and it was the subject's fortune to be under his instruction in the school room for one year.

When the subject grew to manhood he farmed on land of his own for a period of fifteen years, during which time his labors were rewarded by success. He sold his Ohio farm and went to Litchfield, Illinois, where he remained four years, engaging in various lines of business with varying success. After coming to Kokomo he worked as fireman in a heading factory. Later he started in the dray business with a capital stock of one hundred and twenty dollars, having only one horse. But being a man of great energy and much business tact his trade grew until he has built it up to quite an extensive one, maintaining three large moving vans, two drays, four coal wagons, one heavy truck and four sprinkling wagons. He also owns considerable valuable property, among which is that located at the corner of Smith and Monroe streets. All this he has made himself without aid from anyone, showing what a man with the proper amount of business ability and energy rightly applied can accomplish, notwithstanding adverse early circumstances.

Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Lovina Riegler, October 13, 1870. She was the daughter of Jesse Riegler and was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 20, 1851, on the farm adjoining that on which our subject was reared. She was educated in the common schools there. Five children born to this union have survived in-

fancy, two boys and three girls; all have received a common school education.

Fraternally Mr. Griffith is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Red Men and the Owls. He has passed all the chairs in the first named, having long taken a great interest in the work of this order. He has also represented this lodge, Tarlton Lodge, No. 90, in the Ohio Grand Lodge. Although the subject has never been active in politics, he is a staunch Republican and his vote is always cast for the best man, especially in local politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are pleasant and affable people, having won a reputation in Kokomo for honesty, uprightness and hospitality, and they are highly respected by all who know them.

W. L. OGBORN.

The honored subject of this sketch is one of the young and enthusiastic business men of the attractive city of Kokomo, Howard county, where he has maintained his home for many years. He has been most prominently identified with industrial enterprises of considerable scope and importance and the name which he bears has been one which has stood for progressiveness and enterprise, while he is a scion of one of the old and honored pioneer families. Owing to his business relations with the people of this county, and so high is the confidence in which he is held that it is imperative that he be accorded recognition in a publication of the province assigned to the one at hand.

W. L. Ogborn is a native of Washington Court House, Ohio, where he first saw the light in 1878, the son of Henry M. Ogborn. He remained on his father's farm until he was fifteen years old

attending the common schools up to that time, when the family moved to Washington Court House, where he entered a business college, completing the prescribed course and gaining valuable mental training which has stood him so well in hand during his subsequent business career. For several years after completing his education he was clerk in a grocery store. After this he was employed for several years with the Adams Express Company in Indiana. The father of the subject in the meantime moved to Converse, Miami county, Indiana, where he still resides.

On January 1, 1907, our subject began the produce business in which he had previously had some experience. Being successful from the start and longing for larger and better fields in which to carry on this line of work, he moved to Kokomo September 1, 1907, and was manager of the Ballston Refrigerating Storage Company of New York until April 1st of the following year, when this company disposed of its business and he then took up a partnership with Frank D. Miller, the firm now being known as Oghorn & Miller. They engage in buying and shipping butter and eggs, Mr. Oghorn being the manager of the business, which has become quite extensive owing to his excellent management, running at a conservative estimate to one hundred thousand dollars annually. New territory is constantly being invaded by this well regulated firm and its future is one that promises great things for those interested in the firm.

The business of the subject is located at 223 and 225 South Main street, Kokomo, where they have a modern, ample and well equipped plant, suitable in every respect to conduct a business of this nature.

Mr. Oghorn was married to Agnes Snell, of Peru, Indiana, a woman of fine personal characteristics who is the scion of an excellent family. Three children have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oghorn.

The subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, at Converse, Indiana, in which he has always taken considerable interest.

The Ogborn family is held in high regard in Kokomo, and their pleasant home is one in which a gracious and generous hospitality is ever in evidence, the members of this household being held in highest esteem by all who know them.

JOSEPH A. WEAVER.

Among the young men of Howard county who have forged their way to the front by sheer force of will and individual merit rather than by the influence and material assistance of others, no better or worthier example than that of the subject of this brief life record could be found. He is a man of excellent judgment, which accounts for his uniform success as a builder, possessing clear ideas in all business matters. Being careful in his calculations resourceful in his dealings and eminently honorable in his relations with others, people have always reposed confidence in his word and his integrity has ever been above criticism.

Joseph A. Weaver is a native of Howard county, Indiana, and he has preferred to spend his life within her borders, believing that greater opportunities were to be found right at his door than elsewhere, and, judging from his subsequent success he was wise in this early decision. The date of his birth is recorded as October 13, 1879. His parents were Daniel and Rachel (Troyer) Weaver, the former a native of Ohio, who came to Indiana in the latter half of the nineteenth century, locating in Howard county, where he has always exerted an influence that has been uplifting in various causes. He at present resides on West Mulberry street.

Joseph A. Weaver was reared on his father's farm in Howard township and attended the country schools in that community. Thirsting for more knowledge than he could gain there he entered Northwestern College in Illinois where he took a course preparatory to teaching. He has since then taken a course in an architectural school known as the International Corresponding course.

Mr. Weaver has devoted his life's work to carpentry and architecture, along with farming and he has been singularly successful at his chosen profession, not only possessing the necessary natural ability, but also the energy, perseverance and capacity for study which are necessary in acquiring success in this honored calling. He moved to Kokomo in 1900, and the following year began contracting; since then his building operations have been extensive, principally on dwellings throughout the city, gaining a wide reputation for skill and honesty of purpose in all his work.

Our subject was united in marriage to Belle A. Melpherson on February 27, 1895, a native of Illinois. She received an academic education in Missouri. In his domestic relations Mr. Weaver has been most fortunate, being the father of a most estimable family, every member of which is not only devoted to him, but mutually devoted to each other's interests, a family that has deserved all the affection of his nature, stimulated his pride, increased his hopes and contributed much to his happiness and his success in life. The names and dates of birth of his children are herewith appended: Ervin A., born January 3, 1896; Fred A., born August 18, 1899; Norma O., born May 22, 1901; Leon V., born August 21, 1905. They are all bright children with promise of successful futures.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are members of the Evangelical Association. The former is a class leader and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school; also treasurer of the board of trustees of this church. Fraternally Mr. Weaver is a member of the Independent

Order of Odd Fellows, also the Maccabees. He is a staunch Republican but has never taken an active part in politics. He lives in a fine and up-to-date residence at 608 East Mulberry street, surrounded by all modern improvements and their cozy and well furnished home is often the gathering place for admiring friends. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver having been ever since their coming to Kokomo popular among a large circle of acquaintances who know them to be people of refinement, uprightness and hospitality, worthy of the utmost respect.

JOHN SAXON.

This old and highly esteemed citizen who is spending the evening of his long and useful life in comfortable retirement in the city of Kokomo is a native of Fayette county, Indiana, and a descendant on the paternal side from sturdy German ancestry that settled in South Carolina, his maternal antecedents were also early settlers of Indiana, coming to this country from Ireland. After living in South Carolina for a number of years the Saxons migrated to the Northwest and finally located in Fayette county, Indiana, near the present site of Connersville, where, in due time, they became successful tillers of the soil and active participants in the affairs of their respective communities. Alexander Saxon, the subject's father, was a farmer by occupation and a citizen of considerable local prominence. He assisted his father to clear the ground on which the thriving city of Connersville now stands, and a number of years was an active and energetic figure in the pioneer history of Fayette county of which, as already indicated, his father was one of the earliest as well as one of the most prominent settlers. Margaret McCurry, who became the wife of Alexander Saxon, was descend-

ant, as stated above, from an Irish family that immigrated to the United States in 1812, the vessel in which her ancestors had taken passage having been overhauled by the officers of an English warship for the ostensible purpose of finding deserters from the English army, their real object however being to impress into his majesty's service any likely young man they might find aboard. By concealing themselves, several men among whom were a couple of McCrurys, successfully eluded the searchers and in due time reached their destination in a country from which the hated English power had been driven a number of years before by the strong and determined arm of American patriotism. Mr. and Mrs. Saxon were married in Fayette county, Indiana, and there spent the remainder of their days on the beautiful farm which the former had redeemed from the forest, enjoying the respect and confidence of their neighbors and friends and leaving to their descendants a reputation above the suspicion of dishonor and to which the passing years have given additional luster. This sturdy couple had a family of six sons and six daughters, all of whom lived to rear families of their own and to become well settled in life. Of the large and interesting family group that once gathered about the domestic hearthstone of Alexander and Margaret Saxon, all but five are sleeping the sleep of the just, the surviving members being James, Samuel, Elizabeth, Anna and John, whose name introduces this review.

From childhood until a youth in his teens, John Saxon was engaged, except while attending the district school, in assisting his father in clearing and cultivating the home farm. This gave him a vigor of constitution which in subsequent life never failed him in the most laborious duties and also made him acquainted with the virtues and vices, passions and prejudices, the acquirements and capabilities of that large and eminently respectable class of yeomanry which have aptly been called the bone and sinew of the body politic.

His educational discipline, which was only limited, was acquired in the different subscription schools common to the period in which he then lived but later by wide reading, intelligent observation and mingling much with his fellows, he obtained a large fund of valuable, practical knowledge and became one of the best informed men of the community. Before attaining his majority he left the parental roof to make his own way in the world, and for some time thereafter chopped wood to pay for his lodging, and until something more favorable should present itself. He literally began life for himself without a dollar in his pocket, but persevering industry and strict economy in due time succeeded in accumulating sufficient means to enable him to engage in farming upon his own responsibility after which his rise in the world was more rapid and substantial. Without following his history in detail suffice it to state that during the period of his active life he was quite successful in the acquirement of material wealth, having accumulated a handsome competency, including a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres in Delaware county which he still owns, a comfortable residence property in Kokomo in which he is now living a life of honorable retirement and ample private means, which enables him to spend the remainder of his days free from anxiety or care.

On February 5, 1854, Mr. Saxon was united in marriage to Nancy T. King, of Russiaville, Indiana, who bore him one child, and departed this life February 27, 1893. The offspring of the union was a daughter by the name of Martha A., whose birth occurred on the 30th day of September, 1856, in Tipton county, and who is the widow of Harvey D. Ross and the mother of two children, namely, Moses D. Ross, of Kokomo, and Nira B., who married Clarence B. Kyle March 26, 1902, and is the mother of a daughter named Helen. Moses D. Ross was married May 25, 1892, to Stena A. Cole, to whom four children have been born—Hazel,

Martha, Mary and Harvey. Since the death of his wife Mr. Saxon has made his home with his daughter, who with her children and grandchildren, are untiring in their attentions to him, contributing to his pleasure and ministering to his comforts by every means at their command. He has two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with whom he holds frequent happy reunions, the occasions being anticipated as seasons of much pleasure and mirth in which he takes as much interest as the younger and more lively of his descendants.

Mr. Saxon cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont and from that time to the present (1908), a period of fifty-two years, he has been a loyal and unswerving supporter of the Republican party and deeply interested in the success of its policies and candidates. He keeps well informed on the issues which divide men and parties, has the courage of his convictions on these and other public questions and though somewhat conservative expresses himself freely and pointedly when occasions demand his opinion. A number of years ago he united with the Methodist Episcopal church and entered upon the earnest and consistent Christian life which he has since lived and in which he finds much of comfort and solace as the shadows lengthen and the journey nears its end. Mrs. Saxon was also a Methodist in belief and a deeply religious and conscientious woman of many beautiful traits of character, having always been consistent in her church work and a living example of the faith to which she yielded allegiance.

Mr. Saxon is prominent in Masonic circles of Kokomo, being an active and faithful attendant upon its various lines of duty and work. In closing this brief and rather cursory sketch of one of Kokomo's old and highly esteemed citizens, it is only sufficient to state that since his removal to Kokomo, in the winter of 1874, he has enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he has come into con-

tact and his relations with his fellow men have ever been characterized by honor and a profound regard for all that makes life worth the living. Throughout a long and eminently useful career he has pursued the even tenor of his way in the quiet and unostentatious manner which never courts publicity, attending strictly to his own affairs, doing the right as he understands it and keeping his conscience void of offense toward God and man. He has outlived the majority of his companions and associates of former days and reached a happy and contented old age which his numerous friends in Kokomo wish may be prolonged for many years to come.

DAVID P. DAVIS.

Examples that impress force of character on all who study them are worthy of record. By a few general observations may be conveyed some idea of the high standing of David P. Davis as a business man and public benefactor, although now retired and spending the closing years of a strenuous and eminently useful life in the enjoyment of the peace and quietude to which he is so justly entitled and which he has so nobly earned. United in his composition are so many elements of a solid and practical nature which during a series of years have brought him into prominent notice, and earned for him a conspicuous place among the enterprising men of the city of his residence, that it is but just recognition of his worth to speak at some length of his life and achievements.

Mr. Davis is an American by adoption, being a native of Wales, where his birth occurred on the fourth day of October, 1830. When five years of age he was brought to the United States and after spending a year in New York was taken to Columbus, Ohio, where

he remained until his tenth year, at which time he came to Indiana, and during the ensuing seven years worked on a farm in Delaware county. He had been informed that he was bound to the man for whom he was working, but learning the true facts of the case he left his employer after a little over seven years of service and returned to Columbus, where he labored for some time at any thing he could find to do, later learning the cutter's trade, in that city. After becoming a proficient workman, he went to Indianapolis, where he followed his vocation until 1857, when he brought a stock of material to Kokomo and engaging in the business upon his own responsibility, continuing the same with indifferent results for a period of five years. Owing to stringent times, his enterprise did not prove remunerative, accordingly at the expiration of the period indicated, he entered the employment of T. J. Russell & Company, grain dealers, and for some time thereafter had charge of the firms elevators on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad.

Later he assisted in erecting the present large elevator and for a period of thirty-three years operated the same, during the greater part of which time he was employed by the firm composed of William Jay, Mr. Russell and R. A. Dalman, who, in addition to handling grain also did a thriving business in the packing of pork. These were business men of high standing, and during his long period of service with them, Mr. Davis cannot recall the memory of an unkind word or single act inconsistent with the conduct of gentlemen. The business of the firm grew to very large proportions and the farmers within a radius of twenty miles brought their grain to the elevator, at times there being as many as sixty wagons waiting their respective turns to unload.

Mr. Davis was a valuable employe, and although he never asked for a raise in wages he was advanced from time to time until, as already stated, the management of the elevator was left almost en-

tirely in his hands. When the above firm disposed of their interests to Paddock, Hodge & Company he continued with the latter firm until retiring from business, meanwhile becoming widely and favorably known among the farmers of Howard county, besides taking an active part in promoting the material advancement of Kokomo.

Almost from the time of his arrival in the city he became interested in public affairs, and it was not long until his abilities were recognized by his fellow citizens, who in due time elected him a member of the town board, in addition to which he also served one term as township trustee. While a member of the board he was instrumental in organizing the first fire company, which originally consisted of a "bucket brigade," but later a number of ladders were added, thus greatly enhancing its efficiency. Mr. Davis devoted considerable attention to this department, sparing no pains to make it answer the purpose for which organized, and subsequently he was made its chief, in which capacity he rendered eight years of efficient and acceptable service.

Mr. Davis was also one of the leading spirits in organizing the Howard County Agricultural Society, and as secretary of the same had personal charge of the successful fair held during his incumbency. When Kokomo took upon herself the dignity of a city government he was elected a member of the common council, in which he served six years, being instrumental during that time in bringing about much important municipal legislation, and proving indefatigable in looking after the public welfare. He also served one year as member of the board of public works, and for a period of nine years was on the park board, during which time he devoted much time to the beautifying of the parks of the city and rendering them attractive places of resort, to this end making a special study of landscape gardening, in which he soon became quite an expert. His services

in the planning and beautifying of parks were not only utilized in his own city but various other places, among which was Grand Rapids, where he rendered valuable service in making the city park system one of the finest in the country.

After a long, strenuous and in every respect useful life, filled to repletion with good to the public, Mr. Davis finally retired from active duties to spend the remainder of his days in honorable retirement. Having been successful in his business affairs, he is now the possessor of a competency which makes him independent and his future free from care. Though no longer an active participant in public matters, he still keeps in touch with the times and not infrequently is his counsel and advice sought in affairs concerning the best interests of the community. In politics he was originally a Whig, but when that old historic party had fulfilled its mission and passed out of existence he became a Republican, and as such has since remained.

Mr. Davis was married in Columbus, Ohio, in February, 1857, to Elizabeth Davis, a lady of intelligence, much more than ordinary culture and ambition, with whom he trod the pathway of life in a mutually happy wedded experience for a period of forty-eight years, the union being terminated by the death of Mrs. Davis, on the 20th of March, 1907. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, the oldest of whom, Rev. Leonidas H. Davis, a learned and popular Presbyterian divine, is pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Jacksonville, Illinois, having previously held pastorates in New York City, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, and other important cities. He was graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in New York and in addition to his various charges he has traveled quite extensively in the United States and Europe.

William, the second son, is a well known attorney of Kokomo, who has won a conspicuous place among the leaders of the Howard

county bar. Charles, the youngest of the family, is a business man and proprietor of a mill at Greentown. All of these sons were early taught the dignity and value of honest toil and received their first practical experience in the grain elevator, where each served his time under his father's direction.

Mr. Davis has been a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity for many years and is one of the leading workers in the lodge at Kokomo.

BENJAMIN F. BLAZER.

Among those persons who have by virtue of their strong individual qualities earned their way to a high standing in the estimation of their fellow citizens, having by sheer force of character and persistency won their way from an humble beginning to a place of influence and prominence in the community where they are active in industrial affairs, the subject of this sketch is entitled to special mention in a volume of this character.

Benjamin F. Blazer is a native of Tennessee, where he was born August 24, 1854, and for thirty-eight years, from 1870 to 1908, he has been in the meat business in Kokomo, having, during that time gained a wide reputation for his honest methods and excellent business principles, at the same time gaining and holding a large circle of friends as a result of his many likable traits of character. Mr. Blazer is the son of John and Magdalena (Neice) Blazer, the father having left Tennessee before the war between the states broke out and he enlisted in the Union army, having been a gallant soldier in a company of the Fifty-Fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was killed near where he was born in Tennessee, thus, like thousands of his noble comrades, rendering his life a sacrifice for his country, which is one

of the greatest privileges given to man. He left a widow and six small children, who moved to Boone county, Indiana. Not being able to properly care for her large family, she sent her children to live with various relatives, our subject going to live with one of his cousins. He was sent to school while working for this family until he was old enough to do for himself, when he went to work for a dairyman in Boone county. He worked with a German butcher and learned the business in a thorough manner, remaining with him three years, after which he worked by the day. Owing to the fact that he came to Kokomo in 1870 he is therefore the oldest butcher in this city, now located at 920 South Main street, where he owns the fixtures of a modern and model shop. He also owns a modern, commodious and nicely furnished residence on Washington street, and he owns three splendid residence properties which he rents.

He has mastered the details of his line until he has successfully managed his affairs, which has resulted in the accumulation of a substantial competency, all due to his unaided efforts.

Mr. Blazer was united in the bonds of wedlock with Alice Crone in 1870, who was born and reared in Frankfort, Clinton county, Indiana, having attended school there and received a fairly good education. At the time of their marriage they had only five dollars with which to begin the battle of life, but possessing indomitable courage and grit, they set to work with a will and have succeeded admirably well. Four children have been born to this union, all bright and promising. One son and one daughter live in California, and one son and one daughter are yet members of the home circle, the youngest son being associated with his father in business.

The members of the Blazer family subscribe to the Grace Methodist church, having been consistent members of the same for years.

Fraternally Mr. Blazer is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah lodge of Kokomo. The subject

has found time to travel some, having made a trip to California, and being a close observer he has thus become widened in his general views; besides, he keeps abreast of the times by home reading. He is a pleasant and affable business man and he has built up an excellent trade, having many loyal customers from all parts of the city and community in which he lives, having friends by the score, but no enemies, owing to his upright life and honest principles, which he has always maintained during his long residence in Kokomo.

THOMAS J. DYE.

An honored resident of Howard county and a business man of wide repute, respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens, Thomas J. Dye occupies no small place in the public gaze, and it is with much gratification that the chronicler is permitted to place before the reader in this connection a brief outline of his life and a just tribute to his worth. In tracing the history of the subject's paternal ancestors it is learned that they were among the large and eminently God-fearing and worthy body of people who, by reason of religious bigotry and intolerance, were obliged to flee from France between the years 1650 and 1670 and seek asylum in various other countries, the antecedents of Mr. Dye finding their way to America about 1660 and settling on the southeastern coast of what is now the state of Maine. Subsequently representatives of the family left the sterile shores of New England for New York, where in due time their descendants multiplied and became widely known, and from whence still later certain of the name migrated to Pennsylvania, where they founded several flourishing settlements. In the course of time the family gradually spread over various parts of Ohio and Kentucky,

and in 1832 George Dye, the subject's grandfather, of Pennsylvania, moved from Ohio to Indiana and settled in Boone county, where he engaged in a number of operations against the Indians and was a soldier under General Wayne when that daring commander crushed and humiliated the savage tribes of the northwest, receiving a gunshot wound in the thigh in one of the several skirmishes in which he was engaged.

William Dye, son of George and father of the subject, accompanied his parents upon their removal to Indiana, and settled in Boone county. He purchased land from which he cleared and developed a fine farm, and in addition to being one of the leading agriculturists of that community did a thriving business in the buying and shipping of live stock, so managing his affairs as to accumulate a handsome property and become quite wealthy. A man of generous impulses, upon whose credulity the unscrupulous could easily impose, he never refused to go surety for such as requested the favor, with the result that many allowed him to redeem their obligations when they became due. By this means he lost much of his property, and though never reduced to poverty he was enabled to leave but a modest portion of his former holdings to his family. Margaret Miller, the wife of William Dye, was of Irish descent and belonged to an old North Carolina family whose representatives were also among the pioneer settlers of Indiana. She bore her husband nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom the following survive, namely: W. W. Dye, of Indianapolis; Thomas J., of this review; Calvin F., of Hendricks county, this state; and Mrs. Melissa F. Byers, of Indianapolis.

Thomas J. Dye was born December 8, 1842, in Hamilton county, Indiana, but when quite young was brought to the county of Boone, with the subsequent history and development of which his career was closely interwoven. Reared amid the quiet scenes of rural

life and the strenuous usages of the farm, he early developed rugged strength and a sturdy character, which, under the wise care and prudent direction of his experienced father, enabled him to combine habits of industry with the progress of thought so as to exercise a very decided and happy influence in begetting a spirit of self-reliance and fixing definitely his future course of action and conduct.

In the best schools the country afforded he acquired an education which, though by no means complete, has served well as a foundation for his subsequent mental growth. The greater part of his training, however, was received in the school of experience, which imparts the valuable practical knowledge not found in the curriculum of the college or the course of the university. His father being an experienced stock dealer, young Thomas early became familiar with the business, and it may truthfully be said that he literally grew up a buyer and seller, for while still a youth in his teens he was intrusted with a number of important transactions, including large purchases and extensive shipments, in all of which his judgment was seldom if ever at fault. His steady habits and discreet common sense rendering him absolutely reliable, his father reposed such implicit confidence in his judgment and integrity that it was under his direction and management it continued to grow until in time he became the leading live stock dealer in the county of Boone, his operations extending over Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Mr. Dye met with financial success commensurate with the energy and judgment displayed in his business transactions, and in the course of years his earnings amount to a handsome competency, which, judiciously invested from time to time, has made him one of the solid and well-to-do men of this city, where he has resided since 1882. Some time prior to the nineties he gradually withdrew from the live stock trade, and since 1891 has devoted his attention chiefly to the manufacture and sale of fence posts, a business of large and

rapid growth in the northern counties of Indiana and which has numerous representatives in the majority of cities throughout the state. Since Mr. Dye embarked in this enterprise he has built up an extensive and lucrative patronage, owning in addition to his large yard in Kokomo similar yards at Westfield, Bennett Switch, Russia-ville, Eagletown, Greentown, Jeffersonville, Old Augusta and at several other points, employing at each place a live, energetic agent, who spares no pains in looking after the business and who makes the firm's interests his own. Associated with him is his son, Willis B. Dye, under the name of Thomas J. Dye & Son, the firm thus constituted owning and operating a number of mills in various parts of the South, where there is a plenteous growth of post timber, red cedar being the variety most in use and for which there is a constantly increasing demand. By manufacturing their own product the firm is at a great advantage over dealers not thus situated, and the extent to which the business has grown indicates the honorable methods that have ever been pursued by the proprietors and the strong hold they have upon the confidence of their numerous patrons. Mr. Dye is essentially a business man and as such occupies a commanding position among his fellow citizens of Kokomo. His career presents a series of successes and advancements, while his unswerving rectitude has made his life count for good in all of its relations, as is attested by the unreserved esteem of the people of a community in which he has lived for so many years and in which such signal success has crowned his different lines of endeavor.

In the year 1882 occurred the marriage of Thomas J. Dye and Marinda Blanche, daughter of Colonel Willis and Anna Blanche, the former for many years one of Howard county's leading men and influential citizens, and whose name is known to history as one of the bravest and most distinguished of the many gallant soldiers that Indiana sent to the front during the dark and troublous period of the

Civil war. Mrs. Dye was born February 28, 1849, on what is known as the North hill, overlooking the City park of Kokomo, and has always lived near the place where she first saw the light of day, being a lady of strong mentality and beautiful character and moving in the best social circles of the city in which she resides. For some time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dye lived on a farm near Kokomo, but subsequently removed to the city, where they now occupy a comfortable home, made doubly attractive by the spirit of hospitality that reigns within. Their union has been blessed with three children, the oldest of whom, Willis B., his father's partner, was born on the 6th day of July, 1885, and is today one of the enterprising young business men of the city. He was given the advantage of a liberal education, has been actively interested in the growth of Kokomo and the development of its various lines of industry and socially occupies a conspicuous place among his fellow citizens, being a member of the Pythian order, in the Uniform Rank of which he holds the position of vice chancellor, and is also a Mason of high degree, besides being prominent in religious circles, holding membership with the Main Street Christian church, one of the most influential organizations of the kind in the city, his wife, too, belonging to this congregation. Mary A., the second of the family, whose birth occurred on April 1st of the year 1888, is still a member of the home circle, as is also Annabel, the youngest, who was born on the 21st day of June, 1893.

Like the majority of enterprising public-spirited men of Kokomo, Mr. Dye has faith in the city and believes that the past is but an earnest of still greater growth and more extensive business development in the future. To make this possible he has contributed his influence and material assistance to the encouragement of all laudable enterprises, at the same time endeavoring to realize within himself his highest idea of earnest manhood and progressive citi-

zenship. An unswerving Republican, and not only deeply but actively enlisted in his party's success, he has never been an aspirant for office or public honors of any kind, though frequently importuned by his friends to stand for the same, being amply qualified by nature and business experience to discharge worthily the duties of any trust within the power of his fellow citizens to bestow. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he has ever squared his life according to the beautiful and sublime precepts of the ancient and honorable order, and from time to time has held important official positions in the Zionsville lodge, to which he formerly belonged.

In this connection it is deemed proper to make some incidental reference to Colonel Willis Blanche, although his career will be found at greater length in another part of the volume. As already indicated, the Blanche family was among the early settlers of Howard county. It is stated as a matter of local interest that he assisted in the construction of the first house on the present site of Kokomo, and from that time until his lamented death he never ceased to manifest a lively interest in the welfare of the town or failed to put forth his best efforts for its advancement. He became not only one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of Howard county, but also a leader of thought and moulder of opinion among the people, being as one born to command and in whom his fellow men always reposed the most implicit confidence. At the breaking out of the Civil war he entered the service as captain of Company G, Fifty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and for brave and meritorious conduct was subsequently made major of the regiment, later becoming colonel, in which capacity he rendered gallant service for the National Union, participating in a number of campaigns and numerous bloody battles and receiving two severe wounds while leading his men into the midst of conflict. He raised and organized the company and in the absence of financial means to move the same he

paid the transportation to Richmond, where the regiment was organized. His military experience was replete with duty bravely and conscientiously performed, and his record, which is a proud one, forms one of the brightest and most honorable chapters in the history of the state. Colonel Blanche was married in Kokomo in the year 1847 to Anna Shaul, whose ancestors, with his own, came from France in an early day, their respective grandfathers having been neighbors in the Old World and companions in their voyage to the New. Mrs. Blanche was born May 27, 1827, in Clark county, Ohio, and is still living, being now in her eighty-second year, but retaining to a marked degree the possession of faculties, physical and mental. She was brought to Indiana when quite young and claims a residence in the state of eighty-one years' duration.

JOSEPH M. LINDLEY.

Among the enterprising, progressive and public-spirited men whose activity in business and private circles as well as public affairs has made Howard county one of the thriving counties of Indiana and the city in which he resides an important center of commerce and industry is the subject of this brief review, who is at present holding the responsible office of sheriff of his county and who is regarded as one of the most influential men of Kokomo.

Joseph M. Lindley was born in Liberty township, November 9, 1857, the son of James and Rebecca (Hobson) Lindley, both natives of Henry county, this state, who settled in Howard county about 1850 on a farm where Joseph, our subject, was born, and where they successfully farmed until they removed to another farm in Liberty township, known as the Collins Willits farm. Later he moved to a farm half a mile west of Greentown, where he spent

the remainder of his life, dying when our subject was four years old and leaving a widow with seven children, Joseph being the youngest and Jesse O. the oldest. The children were able to care for the farm for a time until the widow moved successively to Solomon, Parsons and Fairmount, Indiana, but later returned to the farm and moved the family to Fremont county, Iowa, when the subject was twelve years old. She later removed to Red Cloud, Nebraska, where she was called from her earthly labors. The parents of the subject were people of sterling qualities and made every effort to rear their children in the paths of rectitude.

After the death of the subject's mother Joseph and his youngest sister, Nancy Elizabeth, returned to Howard county. She is now the wife of William Johnson, of Kokomo. Joseph was then eighteen years old, and he has since spent his life in his native county, following farming as a life work. He worked for Collins Willets on his father's old farm until he was married at the age of twenty years to Frances Fry, daughter of Noah Fry, of Liberty township. She was born in Henry county and came to Howard county about the time Joseph Lindley went to Iowa. Mr. Lindley worked one year for his father-in-law. Then he rented land in Union township for five or six years, then bought a farm near Vermont, not far from the old Willits farm, buying the house which his father had built, removing it from the Willits farm to his own. His farm was small and he did considerable work for others in the neighborhood, finally selling the place to Mr. Fry and worked for the Clover Leaf Railroad Company as section boss of the Kokomo section that ran to Vermont. Mr. Lindley then removed to Kokomo after remaining with the road for one year. Then he went to contracting and digging open ditches. He secured some good jobs and made money at this undertaking, as indeed he did of whatever he turned his attention to. He continued contracting for eight or nine years, then

worked for W. H. Higgins, superintendent of the gas company. The head office was in Chicago and Mr. Lindley had charge of a gang of men in Kokomo and was with the former when the first gas well was struck in that vicinity, and worked for that company for a period of ten years, until the gas grew weak, helping lay all the pipes around Kokomo, and while engaged in this work he made a wide acquaintance. The company opened a plumbing shop, with which the subject was connected for one year, when he went back to the gas fields, but returned to his shop in February, 1904, and became a candidate for sheriff. He was triumphantly elected, having become generally popular in that vicinity, and held the office for two years, giving entire satisfaction to all his constituents, consequently he was re-elected, his term expiring January 1, 1909.

Mr. Lindley has been a Republican all his life and has been active in all campaigns for many years, being willing to give his time to the furtherance of his county's interests regardless of his personal ambitions, and has shown that he is a most capable public servant, being of a turn to win and hold friends, at the same time devoting his undivided attention to his work in a manner that elicits no unfavorable criticism, even from his political rivals. Mr. Lindley composed songs and sang his way into public office. He has a splendid bass voice. Mr. Lindley lives at the jail and everything about the place is kept scrupulously clean under his supervision. Mr. and Mrs. Lindley have the following children: Jesse O., a plumber; Charles, a plumber; Worley, also a plumber, all three living at Kokomo; Blanche, wife of William DeLon, of Logansport, Indiana.

The subject is identified with the Red Men and takes an active interest in lodge work. He is well and favorably known in Howard county, for his life has been singularly free from all suspicion of evil doing or wrong of any kind and he has faithfully discharged his duties at all times.

GEORGE A. HANSELL.

The following is the sketch of a plain honest man of affairs, who by correct methods and a strict regard for the interests of his patrons has made his influence felt in Kokomo and won for himself distinctive prestige in the business circles of that city. He would be the last man to sit for romance or become the subject of fancy sketches, nevertheless his life presents much that is interesting and valuable and may be studied with profit by the young, whose careers are yet to be achieved. He is one of those whose integrity and strength of character must force them into an admirable notoriety which their modesty never seeks, who commands the respect of their contemporaries and their posterity and leave the impress of their individuality deeply stamped upon the community.

George A. Hansell, proprietor and manager of the Hansell Coal Company, of Kokomo, is a native of Howard county, Indiana, and the son of Jonathan and Sarah (Swaney) Hansell, the father born in Ohio, and the mother in Pennsylvania. These parents were married in the latter state and moved to Howard county in an early day, settling in the woods of Center township, from which in due time Mr. Hansell cleared a fine farm on which he and his good wife spent the remainder of their days, and which is still in the family name, being now owned by the subject of this review, who has added much to the original tract. George A. Hansell was a man of great industry and sterling worth. He labored diligently to make a home and provide comfortably for his family, attended strictly to his own affairs and combined in his nature many of the best elements of manhood and citizenship. He died in 1866, while still a young man, his widow surviving him until the year 1884, when she too was called to the unseen world.

George A. Hansell was born October 10, 1857, on the home

farm in Center township, and there in close touch with nature in the woods and fields he grew to manhood's estate. Early in life he imbibed those principles of honesty, integrity and concentration of purpose which make for character and success and in the district school not far from his home enjoyed the best educational advantages the township afforded. Reared amid the stirring duties of the farm he took his place in the fields as soon as old enough to be of service and from that time on nobly bore his part of the cultivation of the crops, and harvesting of the same, in the meantime swinging his ax in the woods much of which fell before his sturdy blows as the place was being developed. His early experience as a tiller of the soil very naturally led him to make that honorable vocation his life work, and after the death of his father, while still a mere youth, he assumed the responsibility of managing the farm, later succeeding to the ownership, and in due time became one of the most enterprising and successful agriculturists of his township.

Mr. Hansell continued on the family homestead from his birth until 1902, a period of forty-five years and in addition to cultivating the soil devoted about ten years to the dairy business, in which his success was very satisfactory. In February of 1902 he turned his land over to other hands, moving to Kokomo, engaged in the grocery business, which he followed during the ensuing two years as a member of the firm of Sellers & Hansell, but at the expiration of that period became interested in the coal business which he still carries on, being at this time proprietor and manager of the large coal and wood yard on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, No. 179 Buckeye and Main streets, where he commands the largest and most lucrative patronage of the kind in the city. This business, which was established in May, 1904, has steadily grown in magnitude and importance until the yard now occupies two large lots on which have been erected the buildings, sheds and other improvements nec-

where his birth occurred on the 14th day of July, 1858. His father, Gottlieb Schwenger, a farmer by occupation and a man of intelligence and good social standing, lived and died in his native land, as did also the mother, both of whom are sleeping the sleep of eternal silence in the old ancestral burial ground near the place where the even tenor of their lives was passed.

The subject of this review received a good education in the land of his birth, but laid aside his studies at the age of fourteen to serve a two years' apprenticeship at the baker's trade, in addition to which time he was obliged to pay the sum of fifty dollars as a partial remuneration for the knowledge imparted to him. In due time he finished his apprenticeship and became quite efficient in his chosen calling, after which he worked at various places until his twentieth year, when, like all young men in Germany, he was obliged to enter the military service, to which the ensuing three years were devoted. At the expiration of his period of enlistment he resumed his trade and continued to work at the same in his native land until 1885, when he became convinced that better opportunities and more favorable openings were to be found in America for men of moderate means, and he decided to try his fortune in the country beyond the sea. In the meantime (1883) he married the young lady of his choice, Caroline Schauler, so that by the time he was ready to embark upon his new enterprise he had, besides himself, a wife and two children to provide for. Nothing daunted, however, but with a spirit of determination in the new world, when new scenes greeted him in which he was to "lay" the foundation of a fortune and carve out a new destiny, he began at once his career here.

Shortly after arriving in America Mr. Schwenger proceeded as far west as Chillicothe, Ohio, which place he reached with one hundred and two dollars in his pocket, this being the sum total of his

earthly possessions. He soon secured remunerative employment in that city, where he continued to work at his trade until 1894, when he left the shop in which he had worked for nine consecutive years and came to Kokomo, engaging soon after his arrival with a baker with whom he remained for a period of eighteen months. Severing his connection with Mr. Zuttermeister, his employer, at the end of the time indicated, he and a friend decided to go into the business for themselves. Accordingly each contributed one hundred and twenty-five dollars to equip the establishment, and with this capital they began operations with the most encouraging prospects, the superior grade of their product bringing to the bakery in a short time a large and liberal patronage. Within less than two years Mr. Schwenger purchased his partner's interest and became sole proprietor. Under his able management, progressive methods and honest desire to treat his customers fairly he gradually extended the scope and magnitude of the business, replacing the old bakery in 1904 with the large and splendid modern structure on the corner of Union and Syracuse streets, where he owns one-fourth of a block sixty-seven by one hundred and thirty-three feet in dimensions, the building being thoroughly equipped with all modern appliances of first-class establishments of the kind. Mr. Schwenger is not only himself a skillful baker, but in his desire to keep pace with the times and furnish his customers with high-grade bread, cakes, pastry, etc., retains in his employ first-class men only and spares neither effort nor means to make the business of which he is the head representative in its character and second to no other of the kind in the city. This adherence to a straightforward and honorable policy and the treating of his patrons with the consideration due them is the key to much of the success which has attended him since locating in this city, and that he is destined to continue the

upright course he has thus far pursued and reap still greater financial rewards is the belief of all who know him or are familiar with his methods.

In connection with baking, in which he leads all competitors, Mr. Schwenger also conducts a large and well appointed restaurant, which is extensively patronized by the people of Kokomo and transient visitors to the city, the traveling public, as well as farmers, mechanics and all classes of artisans finding it an ideal place of entertainment as far as satisfying the appetite and nourishing the physical man is concerned.

Mr. Schwenger came to Kokomo with little of this world's goods, but is now classed with the financially solid and reliable men of the city, having given strict attention to business, honorable dealings and a straightforward course, from which no motive has ever caused him to deviate. He has accumulated a handsome fortune, including valuable real estate in the city and large private capital not represented in his business enterprise. His personal relations with his fellow men have ever been mutually agreeable, and the high esteem in which he is held indicates the universal hold he has on the confidence and respect of the people, regardless of class or condition.

He is an active and influential member of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Order of Eagles and Modern Woodmen, and with his wife belongs to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, the largest religious organization in the city.

His family consists of himself and wife and five children, the two older, Pauline and Sophia, ages twenty-three and twenty-two, respectively, having been born in the old country. The others are: Albert, aged twenty; William, aged seventeen; and Katherine, a young lady of fourteen years.

SOLOMON A. PENNINGTON.

Howard county was not lacking in duty during the dark days of the Rebellion, when the ship of state was almost stranded on the rocks of disunion, but contributed her full quota of brave and valiant men to assist in preserving the integrity of the government, prominent among whom was the well known gentleman and enterprising citizen whose name appears at the head of this review. Loyal to his country in its hour of peril and extremity, as was demonstrated on many bloody battlefields, he has ever been its staunch supporter in times of peace, and today there are few ex-soldiers of the county as widely and favorably known and none that can boast of a more honorable record. The ranks of the noble organization to which he belonged in the days of his youth are fast being decimated by the one invincible foe, and it is fitting that in every publication of the nature of this volume special tribute be paid to those during the greatest civil war known to history.

The Penningtons trace their genealogy to England, and it is a matter of record that one of the subject's ancestors at one time held the high and honorable position of lord mayor of the city of London. The family was early represented in America and the name appears in connection with the pioneer history of Kentucky, later becoming quite well known in certain parts of Indiana. A. J. Pennington settled in Marion county, this state, a number of years ago, and was there married in 1840 to Pollie Avery, whose people moved to Indiana from Pennsylvania, she being a native of the latter state and a descendant of an old and highly esteemed family that settled at quite an early period in one of the eastern colonies. About one or two years after their marriage A. J. and Pollie Pennington moved to Howard county, where they lived for a number of years, Mr. Pennington devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits and meet-

ing with fair success in his chosen field of labor. Later he disposed of his interests in Howard county and changed his residence to the county of Clinton, where he purchased a farm and continued to live the remainder of his days. Of the four children born to this estimable couple three sons are living, the subject of this sketch being the first in order of birth.

Solomon A. Pennington is a native of Howard county, Indiana, born on the 10th day of May, 1846. His early life on the farm was a continuous round of hard work, the country being then comparatively new, and much labor was required to remove the forest growth and fit the soil for cultivation. Young Solomon contributed his full share to these ends and by reason of his services being in constant demand he had few advantages in the way of obtaining an education. When fourteen years of age he lost his mother, after which sad event home had for him few attractions. The year following her decease he decided to sever the ties which bound him to the family circle and proffer his services to his country. Accordingly in the month of August, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-ninth Indiana Cavalry, and was at once sent to the front and his command attached to the Army of the Cumberland. Without narrating in detail his military career, suffice it to state that his command experienced as much hard service as any other regiment in the army, during all of which he bore the part of a brave and gallant soldier, sharing with his comrades the vicissitudes and dangers of war in many of the most noted campaigns and battles in that great struggle, among the latter being Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Averysborough, Atlanta and many others, in all one hundred and twenty-seven battles and skirmishes. In the engagement at Averysborough, North Carolina, he had two horses shot from under him, besides receiving a serious wound which necessitated his retirement from active service until sufficiently recovered to rejoin his com-

mand. At the battle of Stone River he had the misfortune to fall into the hands of the enemy, and during the ensuing three months he experienced all the suffering and privation for which the vile den of horrors at Libby Prison, where he lay a prisoner, was noted. In due time he was exchanged, and rejoining his regiment continued to do valiant service for his country until the expiration of his period of enlistment in August, 1865, when he returned to his home in Howard county and once more resumed the quiet pursuits of civil life. Mr. Pennington's military career is replete with duty faithfully and uncomplainingly performed, and if written in detail would make a volume of deep and absorbing interest. He not only experienced the common lot of the soldier on the many bloody fields of conflict, but frequently found himself in dangerous and hazardous situations besides performing numerous acts of valor, among which was the capture of two Confederate flags with his own hands, one a brigade, the other a headquarters flag, for which signal service he received complimentary notices from his superiors and received due mention in their reports.

In his youth Mr. Pennington became quite a skillful shoemaker, and it was to this trade that he devoted his attention a short time after retiring from the army. Subsequently he accepted a clerkship with a clothing firm, and in 1870 came to Kokomo and engaged in the clothing business, which line of trade he continued with encouraging success for a number of years, the meantime becoming favorably known in commercial circles and taking an active interest in the city's advancement. In 1904 he organized the Finch-Pennington Clothing Company, of which he is president, this being the leading establishment of the kind in the city as well as one of the most important mercantile establishments in this part of the state. Since becoming a resident of Kokomo he has been public-spirited in all the term implies, has aided with his means and influence in inaugu-

rating and carrying to successful issue a number of important enterprises, and today there are few men in Howard county as highly esteemed or to whom the public is under so great a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Pennington's married life dates from the year 1869, when he was married to Mary Wickersham, of Howard county, who departed this life after a brief wedded experience of less than a year's duration, the union resulting in the birth of one child, who died in infancy. Later he was united in marriage with Emma Welch, who died in September, 1895, leaving two children—a son, Dixon Durrett, who resides in Victor, Colorado, and a daughter by the name of Clara, who is a member of the home circle and a popular young lady of high social standing. Before her marriage the present Mrs. Pennington was Josephine Austin, of Henry county, Indiana, the daughter of Dr. E. Austin, who lived for a number of years in Hamilton, at which place Mrs. Pennington was reared and educated.

Ever since the close of the Rebellion Mr. Pennington has manifested an active interest in military matters, and in addition to serving as major and adjutant in the state militia he was elected junior vice department commander at Terre Haute of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, besides holding other positions in the service from time to time. For a number of years he has devoted considerable attention to all matters relating to the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is an influential member, and to him more than to any other is the post at Kokomo indebted for its existence and prosperity, having been the leading spirit in bringing about its organization and filling at intervals every office connected with the same. He has also been a leader in the Pythian order, manifesting especial interest in Company No. 6 of the organization and participating in all the contests in which the Kokomo company has taken part. In addition to this fraternal society he holds membership with the Order of Ben-Hur, and is also identified

with various other enterprises having for their object the social advancement of the community and the moral improvement of his fellow men.

Mr. Pennington affiliates with the Republican party, and since old enough to exercise the rights of citizenship has been an active and influential political worker, being at this time a leader in local affairs and not unknown in the wider domain of state politics. During the session of 1898-1899 he served as doorkeeper of the lower house of the general assembly and in 1904-1905 he was chief doorkeeper of the state senate, in both of which capacities he rendered valuable service and became widely known among the political leaders of the state. In matters religious Mr. Pennington has decided views and earnest convictions, being a devout believer in the sacred Scriptures and a consistent disciple of the meek and lowly Nazarene. Himself and family are identified with the Main Street Christian church of Kokomo, in which he holds the office of deacon, and his daily life affords a commendable example of the beauty and value of the pure and simple faith to which he yields allegiance.

PROF. ELLSWORTH E. ROBEN.

The life of the scholarly or professional man seldom exhibits any of those striking incidents that seize upon public feeling and attract attention to himself. His character is generally made up of the aggregate qualities and qualifications he may possess, as these may be elicited by the exercise of the duties of his vocation or the particular profession to which he belongs. But when such a man has so impressed his individuality upon his fellow men, as to gain their confidence and through that confidence rises to high and im-

portant public trust he at once becomes a conspicuous figure in the body politic of the community and state. The subject of this review is one of the scholarly men of his county, who, not content to hide his talents amid life's sequestered ways, has by the force of will and a laudable ambition forged to the front in a responsible and exacting calling, and earned an honorable reputation as the head of one of the most important branches of public service. His life has been one of hard study and research from his youth and since maturity of laborious professional duty in the several relations in which he has been placed; and the high position to which he has attained is evidence that the qualities he possesses afford the means of distinction under a system of government in which places of honor and usefulness are open to all who may be found worthy of them.

Ellsworth E. Robey, superintendent of the public schools of Howard county and one of the leading educators of the state, is a native of Indiana, born in the county of which he is now a worthy citizen, and honored official, on the 4th day of December, 1870. His father, David H. Robey, also an Indianain by birth, was brought to this county by his parents when he was two years old, and grew to maturity in Howard township, where the family settled as early as 1846, moving to this part of the state from Henry county.

Subject's grandfather, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Howard township, purchased a tract of land from the government at the time indicated and at once addressed himself to the task of its improvement, but did not live to finish the undertaking, having died the following year while serving as a soldier in the war with Mexico. He was a native of Virginia, but came west in a very early day and lived for a number of years in Henry county, Indiana, where he followed agricultural pursuits and became a most estimable and praiseworthy citizen. His children, nine in number, five sons and four daughters, were born in Henry county, the youngest

of the family being David, who, as already stated, was reared in Howard county where he still lives, residing at this time in the city of Kokomo. He spent the greater part of his life in Howard township, where, in addition to farming and stock raising he worked for some years at carpentry and earned the reputation of a very skillful and successful mechanic. Since moving to the county seat, however, he has devoted his attention principally to dealing in timber which he buys and ships quite extensively, doing a very satisfactory business. In his young manhood he married Catherine Learner, of Howard county, who bore him one child, Ellsworth E., the subject of this review, and died when her son was only eight years of age, thus depriving him of a mother's loving care and tender guidance.

For sometime after the death of his mother young Ellsworth made his home with his aunt who lived in the country, and while a member of her household he enjoyed all the privileges accorded the rest of the family, making himself useful as soon as old enough to be of service, during the winter and spring months attending the district schools. Being of a studious habit and fond of books, he made the most of his opportunities in the way of study and by eagerly reading such books as came to his hand, he made rapid progress and while still a mere youth was far in advance of most boys of his age besides being well informed on a wide range of subjects. After finishing the common branches in the country schools he attended for some time the graded schools of Greentown, the training thus received being afterwards supplemented by a full course in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. While prosecuting his studies in the latter institution, Mr. Robey devoted his vacations to teaching and was thus engaged for three years in his home township, during which time he earned an honorable reputation as a successful in-

structor and strict but kind disciplinarian. Having decided to devote his life to educational work, he spared neither pains nor expense in fitting himself for the profession and to this end he attended the State Normal where he made a creditable record as a diligent and critical student. With the thorough discipline acquired at this institution he entered upon his work with renewed zeal in Kokomo, where he taught very successfully for a period of two years and at the expiration of that time accepted a position as ward principal in Tipton where he also remained two years, to the entire satisfaction of the board of trustees. Resigning his principalship at the latter place he took charge of the schools of Irvington, a suburb of Indianapolis and the seat of Butler University, but after one year there resigned his position to make a race for the superintendency of schools in his own county, to which office he was duly elected in 1899 and to the duties of which he has since devoted his attention, having been twice re-elected in the meantime.

Prof. Robey's nine years of service as the head of Howard county's public school system have been characterized by a series of advancements in educational methods which demonstrate his ability as a man of progressive ideas besides winning for him an honorable place among the leading superintendents of the state. Possessing great force of character and executive ability of high order, he has brought the schools to a high standard of efficiency and by weeding out incompetent teachers and insisting that only those of recognized scholarship and professional experience be employed, he looks hopefully forward to still greater improvement in the future. As an educator he is widely known throughout Indiana and his suggestions pertaining to matters educational command respect in all the institutes, associations and conventions of superintendents which he attends. In recognition of his high official and professional standing he was appointed by Governor Durb n in 1904 a member

of the state board of education, and so efficient did he prove in this responsible post that he was reappointed by Governor Hanly, and stills holds the place. His duties in this connection include oversight of all educational matters not especially provided for by law, which requires his presence in various counties for purpose of inspecting high schools and Normal schools and lending his influence and educational experience in raising the professional standing of the teachers of the state. In his official capacity he has much to do in mangaging and otherwise working for the best interests of the State Teachers' Association, in addition to which important body he is also identified officially with the National Educational Association of which he is one of the eleven vice-presidents from as many different states, being Indiana's representative in the greatest body of distinguished educators on the American continent. Prof. Robey has served with marked ability as president of the county superintendents' section of the State Teachers' Association where his well known success as a school manager and wide practical experience in general educational matters have been of special value to his fellow associates, among whom he is held in the highest personal esteem. He is still a young man in the very prime of vigorous physical and mental powers and in possessing genial manners, superior scholarship, which, with his years of practical experience from country school to city principalship, county superintendency and membership with some of the highest educational bodies of the land, it is eminently proper to bespeak for him a future of still greater efficiency and distinguished service in his chosen field of endeavor.

Aside from the duties of his office Prof. Robey finds time to devote to the general welfare of the city and county in which he lives, being interested in all laudable enterprises that make for their advancement and an earnest advocate of measures and movements having for their object the moral good of his fellow men. Like all

enterprising citizens he is a politician and takes an active part in the deliberations of the Republican party to which he belongs, being widely and favorably informed on the leading questions and issues of the day with the courage of his convictions when it becomes necessary for him to express them. He has served his party as a delegate to the state conventions in which bodies his opinions have been listened to with respect. Although a recognized party leader and an aggressive worker, he does not permit political affairs to interfere with his official duties, being first of all a school man and making every other consideration subordinate to his interests as such.

Prof. Robey, on June 20, 1860, was happily married to Isabel Ross, an accomplished young lady of Heyworth, Illinois, who has borne him one child, a son by the name of David Lawrence Robey, a bright and interesting young American in whom his parents have centered many fond hopes for the future. Prof. and Mrs. Robey are consistent members of the Methodist church of Kokomo. They are deeply interested in the literary and club work of the city, in addition to which he is identified with the Pythian Fraternity.

THOMAS C. MALABY.

Holding distinctive prestige among the enterprising citizens of Howard county is Thomas C. Malaby, whose record here briefly outlined is that of a self-made man who by the exercise of the talents with which nature endowed him successfully surmounted an unfavorable environment and rose to the position he now occupies as one of the influential and well-to-do men of the city honored by his residence. He is a creditable representative of one of the old and highly esteemed pioneer families of Indiana, and possesses many of the admirable qualities and characteristics of the sturdy Pennsylvania

ancestors, who migrated to Indiana in a very early day and figured in the history of different sections of the state. His father, William Malaby, was born August 15, 1826, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and when a child was brought to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, from which the family removed in 1828 to the county of Clinton. After remaining in that part of the state until the spring of 1845 he came to Howard county and for some time thereafter taught in the district schools during the winter months, devoting the rest of the year to farm work or any kind of honorable employment he could find to do. On November 2, 1848, he was united in marriage to Mary J. Kidder, who bore him ten children, of which large family only three survive, namely: Thomas C., of this review; Elmira E., widow of Henry C. Gordon; and Martha J., who married Robert Merrill.

William Malaby was a Republican in politics, an influential member of his party in the community in which he lived and cast his first presidential ballot for Zachary Taylor. He was an ardent supporter of the Union during the exciting and trying period immediately preceding the great Rebellion, and when the war broke out he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and served with an honorable record until the close of the conflict. A farmer by occupation and a most exemplary and praiseworthy citizen, he did his full share in promoting the growth and development of his part of the county, and his death, which occurred on the 4th day of June, 1878, was deeply lamented by the people among whom he had so long lived and by whom he was held in such high esteem. His wife, who is remembered as a true helpmeet and a lady of excellent character and good social standing, departed this life on March 20th of the year following.

Thomas C. Malaby was born September 4, 1849, in Howard county, Indiana, and spent his childhood and youth on the home farm in Ervin township, attending at intervals the district schools

until obtaining a good English education. Being the oldest of the family, he early assumed much of the labor and responsibility of the farm, and for this reason was not permitted to prosecute his studies to the extent which he desired. Endowed with a studious nature, however, and when a mere child evincing a fondness for books, he devoted his leisure hours to the perusal of such literature as he could procure, and by this and other means of self-improvement became in time the possessor of a large fund of valuable knowledge and earned the reputation of one of the best informed and most intelligent men of the community. Meanwhile he devoted his attention to the pursuit of agriculture, but not as a landowner, the condition of the family and the necessity under which he was placed of contributing to its support precluding the possibility of purchasing real estate of his own. His somewhat straightened financial circumstances did not, however, prevent him from taking that most important step in a young man's life, the choosing of a wife and helpmeet and the setting up of a domestic establishment, which event was duly solemnized on August 16, 1874, when he was united in marriage to Mary E. Beckett, whose birth occurred in Marion county, Indiana, on the 16th day of April, 1857. Mrs. Malaby's paternal ancestors were Virginians, her mother's people being among the early settlers of Ohio. The father came from near Blacksburg, Virginia, was married in Marion county, Indiana, and died when his daughter Mary was about fifteen months old. The mother was reared in that county and died at the home of her daughter in Kokomo. After the death of her father Mary E. Beckett became an inmate of the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Rhoda White, who sent her to school and otherwise looked after her interest and comfort until her seventeenth year, at which time the marriage, as above recorded, took place.

Mr. Malaby began his domestic life poor in this world's goods, the sum total of his possessions at that time being a team of mules,

a few farming implements and barely sufficient household goods to furnish very modestly a small and humble domicile of a single room. Endowed with energy and an inborn determination to succeed, he addressed himself manfully to his labors and in due time was on the rugged but sure highway to ultimate prosperity. For some time he tilled the soil as a renter, but subsequently was able to purchase ten acres of land, the cultivation of which sufficed for his needs until the death of his father, when he fell heir to real estate to the value of about sixteen hundred dollars. Still later, after selling the paternal estate, his holdings were increased to one hundred and sixty acres, from which time dates his success as one of the leading farmers and representative citizens of Ervin township, and he continued to add to his possessions until becoming a large landowner also.

At the present time Mr. Malaby ranks among the solid men of his county, owning in addition to his real estate and city property here a valuable tract of two hundred and forty acres in Pulaski county, which, with his various private interests, represent a fortune considerably in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, every penny the result of his own labor and excellent business management. Some years ago he gave up rural life and removed to Kokomo, since which time he has been one of the enterprising, wide-awake men of the city, manifesting a lively interest in its progress and advancement and taking an active part in forwarding movements and measures to these ends. He keeps abreast of the age in all matters of public import, is well read on the political history of the country, and although a Republican and interested in the success of the party, he is not as prominent a worker in political affairs as in his younger days, being content to vote the ticket, defend the soundness of his principles and to be known by the simple title of citizen rather than to aspire to official station or strive for leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Malaby have a pleasant and attractive home at No. 535 West Jefferson street, where in peace and quietude they are

enjoying the well earned fruits of their many years of struggle and success, their social standing being such as to win many friends among the best society people of the city, and their hospitality and generosity endearing them to all with whom they mingle. They are the parents of two children, both grown and doing for themselves, the older, a daughter by the name of Daisy B., who was born February 27, 1870, being the wife of William Snyder, Jr., of Kokomo, while Carl A., the son, whose birth occurred on the 16th day of August, 1880, is engaged in the grocery and meat trade at No. 708 West Jefferson street, and is doing a very satisfactory business. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Malaby is embodied in the Methodist creed and since moving to Kokomo they have been identified with the Grace church and are classed with its most active and consistent members. The subject's career has indeed been an honorable one, and though strenuous there is nothing in it savoring in the slightest degree of disrepute, his relations with his fellow men having ever been above reproach and his good name beyond criticism. As already indicated, he wears the proud American title of self-made man, and being in the most liberal sense of the term the architect of his own fortune he may well feel a sense of pride in his achievements and the honorable position to which he has attained among the enterprising and successful citizens of the county in which the busy years of his active life have been passed.

JESSE AULT.

Among the old and respected citizens of Kokomo and Howard county none stand higher in honor and patriotism than the subject of this sketch, who has long maintained his home within the borders

of the county where he has benefited the community in which he cast his lot by setting a worthy example to the younger generations and by leading a clean and upright life in all his relations with the world.

Jesse Ault is the son of Christopher and Phoebe (Sparks) Ault, who came to Marion county, Indiana, in 1827, being among the pioneer settlers of that county. The Ault family emigrated west from Baltimore, to which city they came from Germany, being natives of that country, and were noted for their military records. Christopher Ault was a gallant soldier against the Indians in the Black Hawk war. He is described as a sturdy farmer and moved from Marion to Tippecanoe county where he resided on a farm until his death, having been known as a high class citizen in every respect. He and his good life companion were the parents of twelve children, only two of whom are living at the present time (1908). They are Jesse, our subject, and Adam. The Sparks family came to this country from France in an early day.

Jesse Ault was born in Marion county, five miles west of Indianapolis, October 22, 1835. He spent the major part of his boyhood days in Marion, Clinton and Tippecanoe counties and he came to Howard county among the pioneers, in 1846, and he was among those who began the real work of clearing and developing the county. Later he moved to Tipton county and it was while living there that the dark cloud of rebellion was hanging over the land, when the Republic was in need of brave men to save its integrity; then it was that Jesse Ault came forward and offered his services, his life, his all to his country, enlisting in Company C, of the One Hundred and First Indiana Volunteer Infantry, his captain being Alexander McCleary. Mr. Ault served but a short time when the captain was compelled to resign on account of ill health and a Mr. Turpin became captain. While in the thickest of the fight at the

great battle of Missionary Ridge, our subject was seriously wounded by a ball shattering his left arm which rendered amputation necessary, and today he is carrying an empty sleeve, but he does not regret his service to his country despite his severe loss. The wound was received on November 25, 1863, and after much suffering in the hospital and other places he recovered sufficiently to be discharged June 6, 1864, immediately returning to Tipton county, later coming to Kokomo where he has since resided.

Mr. Ault was married to Mary C. Kelley in Howard county, November 13, 1859, and to this union two children were born, namely: Sylvester E., who is now a resident of Savannah, Georgia; Margaret L. is the wife of William Tapp, who is living in Missouri. Mr. Ault's first wife was called to her rest comparatively early in life, and the subject was again married, his second wife being Mahala J. Dailey. Her parents were of English and French descent, the father's people being from the first named country and the mother's from the latter.

Charles Carroll, the great grandfather of Mrs. Ault, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and he also had the distinction of placing the first spade in the ground that raised the dirt for the first railroad in the United States, and he is said to have declared in so doing that this was the second most important act in this country, the signing of the Declaration of Independence being the first. Mrs. Ault was born in Howard county August 5, 1851, and she has spent her entire life here, having been reared on the farm and obtained her education in the common schools of this county.

To this marriage one daughter has been born, Phoebe, whose date of birth occurred November 12, 1862. She is a bright child and is making rapid progress in the schools of Kokomo.

Mr. Ault receives a liberal pension, being remembered by the

government, which he so faithfully served, by sending him fifty-five dollars per month. He owns a substantial and comfortable residence which is nicely furnished at 1122 East Monroe street.

In politics Mr. Ault is a Democrat, but he has never been especially active in political affairs. However, he is always ready to do what he can to forward the interests of his community whether politically, industrially, educationally or morally. And while living in Tipton county he was called upon by his friends to serve them in the capacity of county recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ault are leading quiet retired lives, and they are highly respected by all their many friends and acquaintances for the honorable and praiseworthy lives they have led and for the hospitality they have ever shown the poor and needy, having long been worthy examples and an influence for good wherever they have resided.

JACOB A. COCHRAN.

One of the influential citizens of Kokomo is the gentleman to whose career the attention of the reader is now directed, who is ranked with the city's leading councilmen and the county's most representative contractors. A man of excellent endowments and upright character, he has been a valued factor in local affairs and has ever commanded unequivocal confidence and esteem, being loyal to the upbuilding of his community and ever vigilant in his efforts to further the interests of his city along material, moral and civic lines.

Jacob A. Cochran is the son of a contractor and was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, August 26, 1850. His father was an early settler in Adams county, Indiana, following his work as contractor in Decatur, where he built many of that city's most substantial buildings, later removing to Hamilton county, Indiana, and

then to Lawrence county, Illinois, where he and his wife spent the latter part of their lives and where they were called from their earthly labors.

Jacob A. Cochran spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Illinois, attending the common schools in the meantime until he had acquired a sufficient education to enter the business department of the Southern Indiana Normal school, at Mitchell, from which department he was graduated in the fall of 1883, standing high in his class and ranking as one of the best students this institution ever turned out.

After finishing his school work the subject returned to his native town in Illinois where he began work in a general store, post office and railroad office which prepared him for a practical business which he later entered.

When the gas boom begun in Kokomo in 1887 he came here, and, being the son of a contractor, having learned a great deal about this work from his father, and after working in this line for a short time he was made foreman and in this capacity he served for eight years with credit to himself and benefit to his employer. So well had he served that in 1896 he began to contract for himself, having mastered all the details of this exacting business. He began in a small way and his business gradually grew until today he is one of the largest and most able contractors in his line in the city of Kokomo.

In 1888 he was united in marriage with Etta East, who was born in Iowa, but came to Kokomo with her parents when she was a child and has been a continuous resident here since. To this marriage two very estimable daughters have been born, Fae and Ruth.

Fraternally Mr. Cochran is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Red Men and Ben-Hur lodges. Although he is deeply inter-

ested in lodge work he has never passed the chairs in these orders on account of his numerous business engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochran are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in which they take an active interest, he being one of the stewards and a liberal supporter of the same.

Our subject was elected a member of the city council of Kokomo from the third ward and is at present (1908) regarded as one of the most influential members of this body, having been from the first an ardent worker for temperance and was the instigator in putting many of the suburban saloons out of business in this city, believing that in this way the saloons would be in the business districts of the city directly under the police charge, where they could be properly looked after, and in many other ways he has been of great service to the city, all of which is much appreciated by the residents.

Mr. Cochran has been successful in a financial way. Coming to Kokomo with comparatively nothing, he now owns a beautiful and commodious residence at 1006 West Taylor street, where he has resided for some time. Besides he has a well established credit with the men with whom he deals. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran are widely known for their honesty and uprightness and are highly respected citizens of Kokomo.

JOHN NEARY.

Among the progressive men of Kokomo identified with important industrial enterprises whose technical training and executive ability have enabled them to achieve noteworthy success as the practical head of one of the city's largest manufacturing establishments

is John Neary, the efficient superintendent of the Kokomo Rubber Works. A man of intelligent ideas and wide experience, his interests have become so interwoven with the plant with which he is identified as to make the history of one practically the history of both. The development of the rubber industry in the West is the result of many years of study and scientific research, and so different from all other lines of enterprise as to require the clear brain and sound judgment, technical skill and practical experience of the trained specialist. That Mr. Neary stands at the head of this important branch of manufacture in the city of Kokomo is without question, and as an expert in the line of endeavor to which his energies and talents have been devoted he has an honorable and much more than local reputation.

Mr. Neary is a native of New York City, New York, where his birth occurred on the 27th day of May, 1865. When a mere lad he became interested in the rubber industry, and as soon as old enough entered an establishment where it was manufactured and in due time acquired a practical knowledge of the business in its every detail. To become an expert he devoted ten consecutive years to close and painstaking scientific study and at the expiration of that time became foreman of one of the departments of the establishment. Later he served in the same capacity with different firms in various cities and then came to Indiana to take charge of the plant at Jonesboro in which D. C. Spraker was a stockholder, remaining at this place until the business was established in Kokomo a few years later.

The industry in the latter city grew up and developed under the direct management of Mr. Neary, whose wide knowledge and technical skill made the enterprise a pronounced success from the beginning. As superintendent he has devoted his energies untiringly to the building up of a large and profitable business, gradually enlarging the capacity of the plant and adding to the lines of manu-

facture until now nearly every article and device made of rubber is included among the output of the plant, the goods bearing the firm's trademark being noted for their excellence and commanding the highest prices in markets of United States and Canada, to say nothing of frequent shipments to other countries. The demand for these goods has been so great and insistent as to render imperative additional enlargements of the plant from time to time, with a corresponding increase in the working force, the number of men employed averaging one hundred and seventy-five, all under the immediate management and direction of the efficient superintendent and relying upon him for any necessary instruction in their various departments of labor.

At the beginning of his career Mr. Neary determined to so master his trade as to make his services of value, and that he has succeeded in this laudable ambition is abundantly indicated by his wide reputation as a skilled specialist and the large and important enterprise in Kokomo which stands an enduring monument to his wisely directed energy and ability.

In addition to his official connection with the company he owns a large share of stock in the enterprise, the advance in which within the last few years making him and others equally interested comparatively wealthy men, there being but few industries that pay such liberal dividends as that of the manufacture of rubber.

Since becoming a resident of Kokomo Mr. Neary has manifested an abiding interest in the city's welfare and as a public-spirited citizen co-operates with others in carrying forward enterprises for the advancement of the community along all laudable lines. A Democrat in politics, well informed on the questions of the day and deeply interested in the success of his party, he is by no means a partisan; neither has he ever aspired to leadership nor sought public office at the hands of his fellow citizens. Personally he has always

been popular, especially with his workmen, between whom and himself feelings of mutual respect and trust have ever obtained. Such is the hold he has on their esteem and regard that but few have given up their positions to find employment elsewhere, a number having been identified with the plant in Kokomo ever since the business was inaugurated.

Mr. Neary is a married man and the father of an interesting family of five children, whose names are as follows: William, John, Kate, Ed and Ralph. The maiden name of Mrs. Neary was Kate McDonald, and the ceremony by which it was changed to the one she now so worthily bears occurred in the city of Chicago, where she formerly resided. Our subject and wife were reared in the Catholic faith and have always remained loyal to the Holy Mother church, belonging at this time to the congregation worshipping in Kokomo.

JAMES H. COY.

There could be no more comprehensive history written of a city or county, or even of a state and its people, than that which deals with the life work of those who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy have placed themselves where they well deserve the title of "progressive," and in this sketch will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active and less able plodders on the highway of life, one who has not been subdued by the many obstacles and failures that come to every one, but who has made them stepping stones to higher things and at the same time that he was winning his way in the industrial affairs of life gained a reputation for uprightness and honor.

James H. Coy, although not long a resident of the city of Ko-

komo, has stamped his individuality upon those with whom he has come in contact and has gained a solid footing in the business life of this city. He was born in Center township, Howard county, September 19, 1853, the son of Alexander and Mary (Smith) Coy, who were old settlers in Howard county, having been among the hardy pioneers of the early forties, and played their part in the affairs of those days. They came here from Decatur county, this state. The father was among the state's patriotic citizens who offered his services in defense of his country during the Civil war, having served about a year in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

James H. Coy, our subject, was reared in the country, having received a good education in the common schools, from which he graduated. He also attended school in Iowa, a Quaker seminary for two years, and he has since supplemented the excellent text-book training he received by close observation and systematic home reading. After completing his education he returned to Howard county and worked on his father's farm.

Our subject was united in marriage May 23, 1874, to Mary J. Mason, who was born and reared in Eryin township. Her family has long been well known and influential in that section of the county. The subject owns land in Clay township, three miles northwest on the Harlin pike. He rented a farm for several years and made a success of agricultural pursuits. He came to Kokomo in 1907 and purchased the feed barn on the corner of Wall and Jackson streets, where he does an extensive business, having built up a large patronage by his courteous treatment of all customers and his honest business methods. He has leased the extensive feed yard adjoining his barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy are the parents of six children, two of the daughters being married. Their names follow: Oscar, Eva, Anna, Emma, Hazel and John.

Fraternally the subject is a member of the Pathfinders' lodge, in which he carries insurance. He is a Republican in politics, but has never taken an active part in the affairs of his party.

Mr. Coy is a man who would win his way in any locality where fate might place him, for he has sound judgment, coupled with great energy and business tact, together with upright principles, all of which make for success wherever and whenever they are rightly and persistently applied. He is fast winning a host of friends in Kokomo and vicinity by reason of these principles.

CAPTAIN DANIEL SHAFER.

This representative and honored citizen of Howard county has been distinctively the architect of his own fortunes, has been true and loyal in all the relations of life and stands as a type of that sterling manhood which ever commands respect and honor. Captain Daniel S. Shafer was born in Franklin county, Indiana, November 28, 1838, and grew to manhood on the farm in that county. His parents were John and Mary Shafer, the former a native of Butler county, Ohio, of Pennsylvania ancestry of German descent. Many Shafers still live in Franklin county, both families having been pioneers of Indiana. The subject's parents spent the major part of their lives in that county, where they died. The subject remained at home, working with his father on the farm and attending the common schools and the seminary at Scipio, leaving that institution to defend his country's flag, believing that it was his duty to sever home ties and leave his lessons unlearned to fight in defense of his native land. Consequently he enlisted in Company B, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Oxford, when the company was organized

mainly from that city, April 18, 1861. The company went over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to West Virginia, having stopped at Grafton and Piedmont. After his first term of enlistment ended he helped raise Company G for the Thirty-seventh Indiana Regiment at Mount Carmel and was made second lieutenant in September, 1861. They were in camp at Lawrenceburg, this state, until they were sent into Kentucky, visiting Elizabeth, Bowling Green and Nashville, Tennessee, spending the winter at Bacon Creek. Later General Mitchell took the company to Huntsville, Alabama, where they guarded a trestle work. While here the subject was captured while on duty, being run down by a handcar loaded with Confederate troops. He was taken to Tusculum, later to Montgomery, and then to Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia; later to Columbus, Georgia, where he was cast into prison full of officers and Tennessee political prisoners. He was kept there four or five months and was finally sent to Libby Prison. He was soon afterward paroled and given his freedom. After having been a prisoner for seven months he rejoined his company at Nashville and was soon sent on the Murfreesboro campaign, having been promoted to first lieutenant, and as such fought at the battle of Murfreesboro, having commanded the company there, the captain being wounded. His company was in the front rank of the regiment and in the hardest part of the fighting, the company losing about one-third of its men in killed and wounded. The subject took part in the battles of Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, having charge of the company most of this time. The captain resigned in the spring of 1864, when Lieutenant Shafer was promoted to the position of captain of his company. During the Atlanta campaign the subject was wounded in the battle near Dallas, Georgia, while leading his company in a gallant charge, having been shot through the right thigh by a musket ball. He was sent back to the hospital at Nashville, but in a few weeks he was able to re-

join his company and was with it at the storming of Atlanta. His term of enlistment expired in October, 1864. He returned to Indiana and was mustered out at Indianapolis after rendering his country inestimable service and showing his loyalty to the Stars and Stripes in a manner that brought praise from his comrades.

After returning from his career in the army Mr. Shafer bought a farm in Franklin county, which he successfully managed. He was married in September, 1865, to Kate Lovett, of near Mount Carmel, Indiana. He remained on the same farm, making it equal in productiveness and general improvements to any in the county until 1883, when he moved to Howard county. Selling his former place he bought a new farm in the last named county at about thirty-five dollars per acre. It included a half section of improved land in Clay township. He still owns this three hundred and twenty-acre tract, which has been improved under his able management until it is in splendid condition, being well tilled. No better farm can be found in Clay township. He managed this farm for six years, giving it his personal attention exclusively. Although he moved to Kokomo some time ago he has always looked after his farm.

In 1892 the subject was elected county assessor, serving one term of four years in a most satisfactory manner. He spent three years in Greencastle for the purpose of educating his sons, but he has since made his home in Kokomo, having a commodious and comfortable residence on East Sycamore street. He has been very successful in his enterprises owing to good management.

The subject has always been a loyal Republican, and has often been a delegate to the various conventions, where his influence is always felt for the good of the party. He is a member of the Thomas J. Harrison Post, No. 36, Grand Army of the Republic, at Kokomo. He has attended two national encampments and always meets with his old regiment.

The subject has the following children: William H., living under the parental roof; J. C. is at Seattle, Washington; D. C. died March 4, 1908, at the age of twenty-five years; Omar L. is a stenographer in Chicago; Cora A., who lives at home, is a graduate of the Kokomo high school.

The Shafer family subscribes to the Methodist Episcopal church, and it is safe to say that no family in Howard county is regarded with any higher respect and admiration for their well ordered lives.

S. ROSCOE CHANCELLOR, M. D.

There is no class to whom greater gratitude is due from the world at large than the self-sacrificing, sympathetic, noble-minded men whose life work is the alleviation of suffering and the ministering of comfort to the afflicted, to the end that the span of human existence may be lengthened and a great degree of satisfaction enjoyed during the remainder of their earthly sojourn. There is no standard by which their beneficent influence can be measured; their helpfulness is being limited only by the extent of their knowledge and skill, while their power goes hand in hand with the wonderful laws of nature that spring from the very source of life itself. Some one has aptly said, "He serves God best who serves humanity most." Among the physicians and surgeons of Howard county who have risen to eminence in their chosen field of endeavor is the subject of this review, whose career has been that of a broad-minded, conscientious worker in the sphere to which his life and energies have been devoted and whose profound knowledge of his profession has won for him a leading place among the most distinguished medical men of his day and generation in the city of his residence.

Dr. S. Roscoe Chancellor, son of John C. and Elizabeth (Justus) Chancellor, was born in the year 1868 in Benton county, Indiana, in which part of the state his parents were early settlers. Subsequently they removed to Daviess county, thence to Vincennes, and still later migrated to the state of Arkansas, where they still reside. Dr. Chancellor was three years old when the family moved to the county of Daviess, and at the age of six years was taken by his parents to Vincennes, where he enjoyed his first educational advantages, centering his studies in the schools of that city until completing the high school course in 1886. At quite an early age he evinced a fondness for the medical profession and decided to make it his life work. Accordingly, after finishing his literary training and a preliminary course of reading under the direction of a competent preceptor, he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, in which noted institution he prosecuted his studies until 1889, when he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following the completion of his course he devoted the ensuing ten years to practice in that city, the early part of that period being spent in the various hospitals, where he added continuously to his professional knowledge and became quite expert in applying the same to the treatment of patients under his charge. In 1898 he closed out his business in that city and came to Kokomo, Indiana, where he soon built up a lucrative practice, which, without any interruption, has steadily increased until he now holds distinctive prestige among the leading physicians and surgeons of the place, his business proving as satisfactory financially as professionally and giving him high standing among the people.

Dr. Chancellor is an enthusiast in his chosen calling, a close student, an original thinker and untiring investigator. He avails himself of every legitimate means to keep in touch with the trend of modern medical thought and is familiar with the leading authorities, having a fine library, in which he spends much of the time when not

responding to the calls of his numerous patients. In him are combined two facts which have been the main contributing elements of his success—thorough preparation and a deep interest in the profession—qualities which are absolutely essential to advancement in a calling requiring such proficiency and skill as the healing art. His knowledge of the kindred science of medicine and surgery is broad and comprehensive, and in his professional labors he has shown himself amply qualified to cope with the intricate problems that continually confront the practitioner in his efforts to prolong life and restore health.

Dr. Chancellor's domestic experience dates from 1892, on April 20th of which year he was united in the bonds of wedlock with Minnie R. Chancellor, of Knox county, Indiana, the union being blessed with three children—a son by the name of Emmett, who was born March 11, 1892, and two daughters, Virginia L. and Elizabeth Josephine, the former born November 16, 1895, the latter November 19th of the year 1906.

A Republican in politics and manifesting a lively interest in the questions of the times, the doctor is not a politician, nor has he ever stood for office or public position of any kind. He is a believer in revealed religion, but subscribes to no man-made creed or statements of doctrine, taking the Scriptures alone as his rule of faith and practice and shaping his life according to the precepts enumerated nearly two thousand years ago by the Galilean carpenter. With his wife he belongs to the Main Street Christian church of Kokomo, and in the quiet, unobtrusive way so becoming to the religious life, uses his influence and lends his assistance to further the cause of the Gospel at home and in lands beyond the seas. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason of high standing, belonging to Lodge No. 93, in addition to which he is also identified with several other secret benevolent organizations, notably the Red Men, the Royal Neigh-

bors and the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he holds the position of assistant chief surgeon with the rank of major.

Dr. Chancellor is a most genial and companionable gentleman and has a host of warm and admiring friends among the residents of his adopted city. All who come within the range of his influence are profuse in their praise of his admirable qualities and the high regard in which he is held, not only professionally but socially, indicates the possession of attributes and characteristics that fully entitle him to the respect and consideration of his fellow men.

PROFESSOR D. P. BARNGROVER.

The men most influential in promoting the advancement of society and in giving character to the times in which they live are two classes, to-wit, the men of study and the men of action. Whether we are more indebted for the improvement of the age to the one class or the other is a question of honest difference in opinion; neither class can be spared and both should be encouraged to occupy their several spheres of labor and influence, zealously and without mutual distrust. In the following paragraphs are briefly outlined the leading facts and characteristics in the career of a gentleman who combines in his makeup the elements of the scholar and the energy of the public-spirited man of affairs. Devoted to the noble and humane work of teaching, he has made his influence felt in the school life of the city of Kokomo and is not unknown to the wider educational circles of the state, occupying as he does a prominent place in his profession and standing high in the esteem of educators in other than his own particular field of endeavor.

Professor D. P. Barngrover, principal of the fifth ward school

in the city of Kokomo, is a native of Grant county, Indiana, and dates his birth from the year 1870, being the son of E. E. and Elizabeth Barngrover, the father born in Ohio, the mother in Indiana. Professor Barngrover's family were among the early pioneers of Grant county, settling in Sims township, where the country was covered with dense forests, and entering land near the present site of Swayzee. His grandfather, who purchased the land from the government, cleared and in due time developed a fine farm, the original cabin on which is still standing as a memento of times and conditions forever past. E. E. Barngrover was quite a young boy when his parents moved to this new home in the wilderness of Grant county, and like the majority of lads of that period he grew up familiar with the scenes of pioneer life and in close touch with the rugged duties and usages of a farm on which the labor was strenuous and continuous and the discipline of which had much to do in moulding his character and shaping his subsequent course of conduct. When a young man he married Elizabeth Long, of Grant county, after which he engaged in the pursuit of agriculture and followed the same with success and financial profit until accumulating a competency of sufficient magnitude to enable him to turn his farm over to other hands and move to Swayzee, where he is now living in honorable retirement, filling at the present time the office of justice of the peace in that municipality. Seven children were born to E. E. and Elizabeth Barngrover.

From his childhood Professor Barngrover manifested a studious disposition and fondness for books, consequently his progress in the schools which he first attended was rapid and altogether satisfactory. By diligent and persevering application he completed the common school course, in which he was graduated in the year 1890, and then he became a student of the Marion Normal College, where he prosecuted his studies until sufficiently advanced to pass the re-

quired examination and secure a license, after which he taught one term of school in his native county. Actuated by a laudable desire to add to his scholastic knowledge, he subsequently (1891) entered the Northern Indiana Normal University at Valparaiso, which he attended until completing the commercial and teachers' courses, during which period he also made substantial progress in the scientific department and earned an honorable record as a diligent, critical and exemplary student. After being graduated from the above institution he was elected principal of the public schools of Swayzee, which position he held with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of pupils, patrons and officials for a period of two years, when he resigned to accept a higher and more responsible principalship in the city of Kokomo, where during the two years ensuing he had charge of the third ward school, in which his professional success soon brought him to the favorable notice of those in authority and put him in line of promotion. At the expiration of the time indicated he was transferred to the larger and more important fifth ward building, of which he has since been principal, having at this time thirteen assistants and so discharging his duties as to win the highest encomiums of the superintendent and board, to say nothing of his great popularity with the pupils and teachers under his charge and of the general public.

As a teacher Prof. Barngrover has met with merited success and in his capacity of principal his record presents a series of successes and advancements such as few attain. He pursues his chosen calling with all the interest of an enthusiast, is thoroughly in harmony with the spirit of the work and has a proper conception of the dignity of the profession to which his life and energies are so unselfishly devoted. A finished scholar, a polished gentleman and possessing the traits of character necessary to insure success the services thus far rendered and the laurels gained bespeak for him a wider and more

distinguished career of usefulness in years to come, should he see fit to continue the noble calling which he has heretofore followed with such signal and happy results. Unlike so many of his calling who become narrow and pedantic, the professor is essentially a man of the times, broad and liberal in his views and has the courage of his convictions on all the leading public questions and issues upon which men and parties divide. He also keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought along its various lines and being a man of scholarly and refined taste his acquaintance with the literature of the world is both general and profound; while his familiarity with the more practical affairs of the day makes him feel at ease with all classes and conditions of people whom he meets.

Prof. Barngrover has a comfortable and attractive home at No. 240 South Main street, which is a favorite resort of those with tastes and tendencies similar to his own and in which such a spirit of hospitality obtains that all who cross its threshold are desirous of repeating the experience. The home is brightened by the presence of an intelligent lady whose gracious presence and cordial greetings add not a little to the welcome extended the visitor or guest, the interest of the household being also heightened by the three children who with their parents contribute a mutually agreeably and contented domestic circle. Mrs. Barngrover was formerly Vernie Stanley, a native of Howard county, the ceremony by which her name was changed to the one she now so honorably bears having been solemnized in the year 1893. Geneva, the oldest child of Prof. and Mrs. Barngrover, is an interesting young miss of ten years; Guy the second in order of birth, is eight years of age, and the youngest, Verneta by name, has reached her sixth year, all of them being pupils in the public schools and making commendable progress in their respective grades.

Prof. Barngrover, though deeply interested in the work to which his life is being devoted, has not been unmindful of his duties

as a citizen and to this end takes an active part in municipal and other public matters and lends his influence and support to all enterprises having for their object the material advancement of the city and the intellectual and moral good of the populace. A reader and thinker he very naturally gives considerable thought to politics, his studies and investigations along this line leading him to espouse the Republican party, although he by no means is a partisan, nor seeker after the honor or emoluments of office.

Fraternally Prof. Barngrover holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen, and religiously subscribes to the Methodist creed, belonging with his wife to the Marleand avenue church, in the work of which both are actively and prominently interested. Personally Prof. Barngrover is quite popular, possessing to a marked degree the characteristics that win and retain warm friendships. By his kindness and courtesy he has won an abiding place in the esteem of his fellow citizens and by his intelligence, energy and enterprising spirit has made his influence felt among his friends and associates during his residence of twelve years in the city of Kokomo, and as a result occupies no small place in the favor of the public.

EDGAR A. SIMMONS.

Edgar A. Simmons, postmaster of Kokomo, and ex-sheriff of Howard county, is a native of Indiana, born in the county of Shelby, on the 6th day of September, 1850. His father, Augustus Simmons, a resident of Shelby county, died when Edgar was five years old; his mother, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Giles, was born July 16, 1819, in Bourbon county, Kentucky, accompanied her parents to Shelby county, Indiana, when fifteen years of age and was

there married a little later to James Thompson, who moved his family to Howard county in 1844, settling about five miles west of Kokomo, near what is known as the "Indian Springs Picnic Grounds." After residing in that locality one year Mr. Thompson took a claim one mile nearer the county seat, but he did not live long enough to improve his land, dying the year following his arrival. After the death of her husband Mrs. Thompson returned to Shelby county, where in due time she was married to Mr. Simmons, with whom she lived in that county until again becoming a widow in the year 1865. In 1872 she brought her family to Howard county and here continued to reside until her death which occurred in Kokomo, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Todhunter, on the 7th day of April, 1908, at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. Of her family there remains three living children namely: Leonidas, late postmaster of Young America, Cass county, but now a resident of Kokomo; America, wife of Frank Todhunter, who also lives in the city of Kokomo, and Edgar A. Simmons, whose name introduces this sketch.

The early life of Edgar A. Simmons, amid the healthful influences and wholesome discipline of the farm, was in most respects similar to that of the majority of country lads. As soon as old enough to be of service he was set to work in the woods and fields and in this way spent the spring and summer months, while the winter seasons were devoted to study in the district schools, where, in due time he acquired a fair knowledge of the ordinary English branches. In 1872 he came to Howard county and located on the place known as the old Indian Spring farm about five miles west of Kokomo where he remained until his twenty-fourth year, in the meantime spending three years in town attending school. In the year 1883 he was united in marriage to Belle George, daughter of W. W. George, who came from Fayette county, Indiana, in 1873

and settled three miles west of Kokomo on the Peet's Run pike, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. The three years following his marriage Mr. Simmons farmed in Ervin township and at the expiration of that period was appointed deputy sheriff by Isaac Wright under whom he served four years, during which time he rode over every part of the county, became personally acquainted with almost every man in his jurisdiction and discharged his duties with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his superior as well as to the general public.

So faithfully and well did Mr. Simmons attend to his duties and so capable did he prove as an officer of the law that in 1860 he was nominated by his party to the responsible position of sheriff, and triumphantly elected by a handsome majority, receiving one of the largest votes cast for any Republican candidate that year. After serving one term he was re-nominated without opposition and again elected by an unusually large majority, his triumph in two campaigns being a compliment to his ability as an official as well as to his high personal standing among the people of the county irrespective of party ties. At the expiration of his second term Mr. Simmons became a partner of Scott Armstrong, ex-mayor of Kokomo, and ex-County Clerk Ellis in the hardware trade, but after two years in that line of business severed his connection with the firm to engage in the real estate business, to which his attention from 1868 to 1906 was directed. In the latter year he was appointed postmaster of Kokomo, his commission dating from February 7th, and since that time he has given his attention wholly to his official duties, proving in this as in his former trust, both capable and popular and fully equal to the demands of the public in one of the most responsible and onerous branches of the government service. The post office at Kokomo does a larger amount of business perhaps than that of any other city of the same size in the state, requiring the services of

a deputy and ten clerks, twelve city carriers, nine rural free delivery carriers and four substitutes in addition to this force, there being also one Star route. Recently congress has made an appropriation of ninety thousand dollars for the erection of a government building in Kokomo and ere long it is to be hoped the office will have more comfortable and commodious quarters in keeping with the growth of the business and the dignity of one of the most thriving cities of which Indiana can boast.

For a number of years Mr. Simmons has been one of the leaders of the Republican party in Howard county and for six years was chairman of the county central committee.

Fraternally he holds membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, aside from which he is identified with no other secret organization, though deeply interested in all lines of good work for which such societies stand. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have a pleasant home in Kokomo and are highly esteemed by the best social circles of the city. Their family consists of three children, two sons and one daughter, namely Herbert, Catherine and George N.

THOMAS HARRIS.

It is by no means an easy task to describe within the limits of this review a man who has led an active and eminently useful life and by his own exertions reached a position of honor and trust in the line of industries with which his interests are allied. But biography finds justification, nevertheless, in tracing and recording of such a life history, as the public claims a certain property interest in the career of every individual and the time invariably arrives when it becomes advisable to give the right publicity. It is then with a

certain degree of satisfaction that the chronicler essays the task of touching briefly upon such a record as has been of the subject who now comes under this review. Mr. Thomas Harris, superintendent of the Steel & Wire Company of Kokomo, is a man of high standing and influence in the industrial circles with which he has long been identified.

Mr. Harris is an American by adoption, being a native of Wellington, England, where his birth occurred on the 18th day of January, 1870. After receiving an elementary education in the schools of his native place, he entered at the early age of thirteen a rod and wire mill, where in due time he became proficient as a rod roller besides gaining a practical knowledge of other branches of work connected with the establishment. After devoting the ensuing four years to his trade he decided to go to America, where he was led to believe better opportunities and more favorable openings for advancement were to be found. Accordingly in 1887 he bade farewell to his native land and shortly after arriving at his destination, secured remunerative employment in a mill at Howard, Pennsylvania, where he remained one year. Resigning his position at the expiration of the time indicated he went to Joliet, Illinois, thence after a brief period to Anderson, Indiana, where he became head roller in a rod mill, which position he held to the satisfaction of all concerned until accepting the higher and more responsible post of superintendent of the rod and wire mill in Kokomo in the year 1901.

Mr. Harris brought to his position in this city a mind thoroughly disciplined by technical training and practical experience and it was not long until he infused new life into the plant by enlarging its capacity and greatly increasing its efficiency for effective work. He also became a stock holder in the concern as well as a member of the board of directors and in these different capacities the establishment entered upon a new era, and soon was on the high

road to prosperity. All of his time is required to look after the interests of the mill, the business of which has steadily grown in magnitude and importance until it is now one of the leading industries of the kind not only in this city but in the West, its continued advancement and prosperity being largely due to the technical ability, wise discretion and well balanced judgment of the enterprising and gentlemanly superintendent, who has made every other consideration subordinate to the one idea of placing the plant upon a solid financial basis and making it meet the high expectations of the promoters and stockholders.

Mr. Harris is a thorough mechanic, a master of the trade to which his life and energies have been so conscientiously devoted, and it is but natural that success should crown his efforts and fortune reward him with her choicest and most glittering favors, for such a man as he knows not the meaning of the word fail, while the term discouragement is not found in his vocabulary. His commanding position in the industrial world has been fairly and honorably earned and though still a young man he has achieved success such as few in a much larger life attain, and in the broad sunlight of prosperity with every inducement to still greater effort, he is not content with laurels already won, but looks forward to a future in which a wider sphere of usefulness and greater distinction await him.

Mr. Harris is a married man and the father of an interesting family of three children, whose names are Thomas, Robert and Ralph, their mother, whom he married in Joliet, Illinois, having formerly been Edith B. Chesnut, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Harris live in a beautiful home in the suburbs of Kokomo, known as the Grange Hall Farm, where a spirit of true hospitality reigns and where they enjoy the companionship of the many warm friends who have learned to prize them for their estimable qualities of mind and

heart, their popularity being limited only by their acquaintance. Mr. Harris is a Mason of high standing and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being an active worker in both organizations and at different times has held important official positions in each.

HON. JOHN NICHOLAS LOOP.

The subject of this sketch is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and best known families of Howard county, and since his childhood, which was passed amid the stern experiences of the pioneer period, he has been actively identified with the growth and development of this part of the state.

John N. Loop was born September 25, 1845, in Preble county, Ohio, but when quite young was brought to Howard county by his father, Joseph M. Loop, who entered land in what is now Liberty township, making the journey to the new home in the unbroken wilderness in a two-horse wagon and meeting with many difficulties and not a few hardships before arriving at his destination. Henry Loop, the subject's grandfather, came a short time previous and also entered land from the government which in the course of years was cleared and developed into one of the best farms in the township of Howard. Reared amid the stirring scenes of the early times and subjected to the inconveniences peculiar to the period, young Loop grew up a strong, sturdy lad, familiar with the labor required in clearing the farm, such as felling timber, piling brush, picking trash and the many other ways in which boys made themselves useful in removing the dense vegetation from the soil and fitting it for tillage. When not thus engaged he attended the

public schools and such was his progress that he was soon enabled to pass the required examination and obtain a teacher's license. In 1866 he entered upon what proved to be a long and eminently successful career as an educator, covering a period of eighteen years in Howard county, during which time he achieved enviable repute as a teacher and was influential in raising the standard of the various schools under his charge. Mr. Loop while engaged in educational work devoted the spring and summer months to agricultural pursuits and in connection therewith spent considerable time assisting his father in the manufacture of wooden measures, which business the latter had followed prior to his removal to Indiana, and in which he became a very successful workman. His grandfather was also a skilled mechanic and for years the measures made at the Loop shop had a wide reputation and the demand for them became so great that the father, son, grandson and the latter's two elder brothers were frequently obliged to work almost day and night to meet it. These measures were hand-made and under favorable circumstances the average monthly out-put amounted to about five hundred dollars, the greater part of which was purchased by wholesale dealers for the Eastern trade. In addition to shipping, a profitable trade was also carried on by means of wagons being driven to all parts of Howard and neighboring counties which supplied the large and constantly growing local demand.

From his childhood the subject has been familiar with the making of the celebrated Loop measures and it may be said that he literally grew up in the shop with tools in his hands. At a very early age his services were utilized and in due time he became an expert workman, keeping pace with his father and grandfather in the manufacture of an article that required high-grade mechanical skill. Henry Loop established the business in the county in 1853 and continued it until his death when the shop passed into possession of his

son, Joseph M., who, with the limited facilities at hand, carried on a prosperous trade for a number of years, establishing the reputation of his product among the leading wholesale houses of Indiana and other states. Satisfied that much more could be accomplished in a larger place and with increased facilities for manufacture, John N. Loop bought out his father in 1877 and, moving the plant to Kokomo and equipping it with machinery of his own invention, greatly increased the out-put and within a short time made the manufacture of measures one of the important industries of the city.

The superiority of the Loop measure over all other consists in so shaving the material as to retain the grain and the original appearance of the wood, this being a discovery of the elder Loop and for fifty years a secret of the family. Until 1903 the bottoms as well as the sides were cut by hand, but in that year Mr. Loop perfected a device to be operated by machinery, which does not interfere with the grain of the wood, and by the means of which the capacity of the plant has been increased many fold. Since moving his business to Kokomo Mr. Loop has built up a lucrative patronage which taxes the plant to the utmost to meet. The measurers which are as popular as ever find ready sale in the local as well as the general markets, and a number of skilled artisans are constantly employed in their manufacture. They range in capacity from one to sixteen quarts, and under the name of, "The New Hoosier," have become widely and favorably known, being admittedly superior to any other on the market.

In connection with his manufacturing plant Mr. Loop is also engaged in the coal business which he established in 1902 and which he has since carried on quite extensively, his yards on the corner of Jackson and LaFountain streets along the line of the Pennsylvania tracks being among the largest as well as most liberally patronized in the city. Here are kept upon an average of two thousand tons of

hard and soft coal which he wholesales and retails and in addition to which he also handles large quantities of wood, upwards of fifteen hundred cords being always on hand. By square dealing and courteous treatment the J. N. Loop company has come into a large and growing business which from present indications promises to increase in magnitude and importance as the years go by.

Mr. Loop has been one of Howard county's enterprising citizens, active in public affairs and for many years one of the influential Republican politicians of Kokomo. He has served as chairman of the city central committee and in 1887 was elected to the legislature and was re-elected in 1889. His career as a lawmaker was creditable to himself and satisfactory and fully justified the wisdom of his election.

He was placed on a number of important committees where his services were of special value, and also took an active part on the floor, in the debates and general deliberations of the house. He introduced and secured the passage of several important bills among which was one for the protection of "The Old Soldier's Button," similar bills being afterwards passed by other states until the matter became of national interest and gave rise to much favorable comment in Grand Army and other military circles. Wherever seen the soldier's button and uniform are now badges of honor and respectability and any unfavorable comment or mark of disrespect shown to either, subjects the offender to the penalty of the law. He also secured the passage of a bill bearing upon child labor, which embodied the same idea afterwards advocated so earnestly and eloquently by Senator Beveridge, and assisted in bringing to pass other legislation of great interest to the state.

In 1893 Mr. Loop was the Republican candidate for state senator, but after a very animated campaign was defeated by a small majority for the nomination. He also made the race for county

treasurer in 1900, but owing to alleged fraudulent means and the lavish expenditure of money by the opposition aided by disgruntled members of his own party, failed of election. Notwithstanding this defeat he has always been intensely Republican, never for an instant wavering in his allegiance to the party, but all the influence and means at his command, advancing its interests and contributing to the success of its candidates.

Mr. Loop united with the Pythian Order in 1884, and since that time has been one of the leading and influential members of the Kokomo lodge; he has been active in all the work of the fraternity, besides being honored from time to time with important official positions, in all of which his record has been creditable and above reproach. His domestic life dates from his thirty-second year, when he was united in marriage with Alzora Johnson, whose death in 1884 terminated a mutually happy and agreeable wedded experience. Two years later, 1886, he entered into marriage relation with Ozilla Bradley, who has borne him three children, Ruth E., Bessie A. and Etta Marie, the two older being graduates of the Kokomo high school and the younger a student of the same institution, who will complete the course in the spring of 1909.

Joseph M. Loop, father of the subject, died at the age of eighty-one years, his wife, Elizabeth Link, following him to the grave six months later, in her eighty-second year. She was descended from ancestors that came over with the first English colony, the family history being directly traceable to Jamestown, Virginia, Mr. Loop's antecedents having been among the earliest settlers of Maryland and of Quaker stock. This excellent couple were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom survive, the subject of this review and James Loop, an ex-soldier, whose homes are in Kokomo. The others are Elijah, Noah, Anna, Mahala and Maggie.

ULYSSES GRANT MADDOX.

Holding prestige among the successful business men of today, the subject of this review has had much to do in advancing the material interests of Kokomo, Howard county, and making it one of the important commercial centers of this section of the state. The study of such a life cannot fail of interest and incentive, as he is distinctively representative of his sphere of activity and has contributed in no small measure to the prosperity of the city which is his home and field of operation, at the same time establishing a lasting reputation for honor and integrity.

Ulysses Grant Maddox, a native of Howard county, has preferred to devote his life work to his native heath, believing that here were to be found greater opportunities than elsewhere, and, judging from the admirable manner in which he has succeeded, he was wise in remaining at home. He was born June 20, 1876, the son of James T. Maddox, a Kentuckian, who was a man of influence in his day.

The subject was reared near the city of Kokomo and attended the schools of this city, receiving a good education, remaining with his father until he was twenty years old, when he began driving a wagon for the Standard Oil Company, having been thus continuously employed until 1903, when he became general manager of the local office and is still in that capacity in 1908, having shown by his fair dealings with the company and the public and his intrinsic business ability that no better man could be found for this position.

The domestic life of Mr. Maddox dates from 1890, when he was happily married to Bertha Kidder, a lady of many accomplishments and a gracious personality, who is a native of Kokomo. This union has been blessed by the birth of two interesting children, namely: Florence M., born in 1900, and Raymond F., born May 15, 1908.

The substation of the Standard Oil Company is located at the corner of Morgan street and the Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company's tracks. It was built in 1892 by the Consolidated Tank Line Company and soon afterward fell into the hands of the Standard Oil Company. All varieties of oil are sold here at wholesale.

Fraternally Mr. Maddox is a member of the Red Men, Eagles and the Haymakers' degree, and he is also a charter member of the Owls. Politically he is a Democrat, but does not find time to take an active part in local politics.

The Maddox residence is at 1026 North Kennedy street. It is a commodious dwelling, nicely furnished, and is the gathering place for numerous warm friends of Mr. and Mrs. Maddox, who have shown by their consistent and upright lives that they are worthy of the esteem of all, which indeed they have, the circle of their friends being limited only by their acquaintance.

CHARLES S. JACKSON.

The history of a county or 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 a community by those of its representative citizens and yields its tribute of admiration and respect to those whose works and actions constitute the record of a state's prosperity and pride. Among the prominent citizens of Howard county, who are well known because of their success in private business affairs and the part they have taken in public life, is he whose name appears at the head of this article, the present (1908) city treasurer of Kokomo.

Charles S. Jackson was born in Crawford county, Ohio, Feb-

ruary 8, 1853. His mother dying in his infancy, caused the six children in this family to be separated, consequently the subject made his home among relatives, in several different families at Youngstown, Ohio, until he was eight years old, when he went to Huron county, that state, to reside with an aunt on a farm on which he worked and attended the common schools where he applied himself in an ardent manner, receiving a splendid foundation for an education, enough to enable him to begin teaching when nineteen years old, which he continued for two terms in Huron and Seneca counties. In 1873 he left the Buckeye state and came to Miami county, Indiana, where he lived with an uncle until 1881, in which year he came to Kokomo, having been disabled so that he was compelled to leave the farm. Mr. Jackson engaged in the hardware business as clerk for twelve years, with the Armstrong-Landon Company, having been one of the best salesmen the firm ever employed, manifesting a thorough knowledge of the business and always courteous to customers.

Prior to his engagement as a salesman, the subject had been justice of the peace for one year. Since then he has been writing life insurance. He was foreman for four years of the Kokomo Steel & Wire Company. Having manifested an interest in the political affairs of the county and city and having become popular among the voters of the district through his business relations, Mr. Jackson was chosen and triumphantly elected city treasurer of Kokomo in November, 1905, and in September, 1906, he entered the office under Mayor Brouse. The duties of this office occupy his undivided attention and the consensus of opinion is that the office was never in more capable hands. The subject had served three years as city councilman from the second ward, from 1891 to 1893. This was during the period of natural gas in that locality and Kokomo was on the boom. In 1893 he assisted in rating the bonds to pay for a new

city hall and as city treasurer he paid off in 1908 all the twenty-five thousand dollars issued in bonds. In his official capacity he handled the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars in 1907.

The subject's wife died in April, 1903, leaving two daughters, Estella, a music teacher, and Glee, a bookkeeper, both living at home with the subject.

Mr. Jackson has always been a staunch Republican and takes an active part in local politics and is a prominent figure at conventions. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic brotherhood, having been active in its work and representative to the grand lodge; also a member of the Chapter and Council. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Jackson is popular with all classes in Kokomo, where his life has been singularly free from wrong or suspicion of evil and he has won the just respect of the people of that locality.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM E. RAUCH.

The subject of this sketch has gained marked precedence in the work of his noble profession, to which he has devoted his undivided attention for many years, having gained a high position on the scroll of Howard county's able music teachers, being highly educated and the fortunate possessor of the noble personal traits necessary to win success in this somewhat exacting profession. Besides his ability as a musician he is admired for his well regulated life and public-spirited nature.

Professor William E. Rauch was born in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, in November, 1874, the son of Benjamin and Melasena (Arnold) Rauch, who are now living at Kokomo, Indiana, being among the influential residents of this city.

The conditions under which our worthy subject began life were flattering, but reverses which later came to the family threw him almost wholly upon his own resources. He manifested those progressive traits that win early in life, and after he had attended the schools of his native town his parents moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he pursued his studies, after which he entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, where he took a course in civil engineering, literature and music, becoming so proficient in the latter that his instructors persuaded him to devote the major part of his time to music while he was attending school, at the same time giving private instruction, and thus making his way through school. He graduated from a school of methods, a summer school, connected with the Northwestern University of Chicago.

Professor Rauch has a fine, rich baritone voice, especially strong in lower register, and he sings with spirit and expression, and many articles of praise have been given by the press wherever he has appeared in public, having done concert work for three years, during which time he traveled extensively. He came to Kokomo in 1901, conducting cantatas and giving private instructions. In 1902 he gave a course of private instruction in the public schools and the circuit was in the schools of Swayzee, Bunker Hill, Converse and Amboy, and he performed this work with marked success to the schools and with credit to himself. Having gained such a wide reputation by his meritorious work as to attract general public attention, in 1904 he was elected supervisor of the schools of Kokomo, which position he has since very creditably filled, being still in the same capacity in 1908, entering upon his fifth year. Besides being in charge of the music in the public schools he is choirmaster in the First Congregational church, conductor of the Kokomo Oratorio Society, manager of the Kokomo Chautauqua, and during the summer he is in great demand as instructor of music in the county institutes and chautauquas. He also gives private instruction in voice.

Professor Rauch is commended by those high in authority as a leading instructor and executor of music, not only in Indiana but in other states as well. He is a man of pleasing address and perfect personal manners, agreeable and kind to all, and he has a high standing, not only in his profession but with the public, for his manly life, and no one in Kokomo is held in higher esteem by his fellow townsmen. He is a devoted member of the Congregational church of Kokomo and delights in his work in this organization.

Fraternally Professor Rauch is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and in his political affiliations he is a Republican. He has preferred single blessedness and makes his home with his honored and highly respected parents and sister Mary at No. 419 West Walnut street, where he has an extensive library not only covering a wide range of musical subjects but the latest and best books of science, religion and literature in general are to be found on his shelves. He is decidedly a man of aesthetic tastes and his noble attributes are soon discovered by all having the pleasure of knowing him personally.

J. HUGH McNEAL.

Any compendium of Howard county's representative citizens would be incomplete without reference to the life and character of the successful agriculturist whose name appears at the head of this review and who is now living in honorable retirement, enjoying a respite in the golden evening of his days after a life of earnest endeavor and usefulness, who, because of his genial disposition, sterling worth and uprightness has gained and retained a host of friends throughout the county.

J. Hugh McNeal was born in Centerville, Wayne county, Indiana, September 10, 1834, the son of James and Margaret (Reahm) McNeal. The subject's paternal grandparents came from Scotland and his maternal grandparents from Ireland. They came to Hamilton county, Indiana, in the pioneer days from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they had married. James McNeal, the grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolution. James McNeal, father of the subject, was born in Philadelphia and came to Hamilton county, Indiana, in 1835, when the subject was thirteen months old, and bought a half section of land from the government on the west side of White river, when but few white men lived in that vicinity having as their neighbors Indians and wild beasts, surrounded by the dense woods. But being of the hardy type, Mr. McNeal transformed the woodland into a farm, where he and his wife spent their lives and from whence they passed on to their reward in the silent land.

The subject helped to clear the land secured by his father and attended such schools as those primitive times afforded, remaining under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years old.

Mr. McNeal was married in 1850 to Charlotte Brown, of Ogdensburg, New York, who passed away in 1863. There were no children born to this union. In 1864 the subject remarried, his second wife being Malinda Little, of Kentucky, who, after becoming the mother of two children, was called to her rest in 1892. The children are: Charlotte Oretta, born in Hamilton county, and received a good education in the schools at Cicero, Indiana, and at the State Normal, which she attended for one year. She was also in school at Danville for one year. She became a teacher, at present (1908) being one of the instructors in the fifth ward school in Kokomo, with which she has been connected since 1893. She resides with her father. Edward W., the second child, was born in August, 1871. He graduated from the commercial department of the Danville Normal school in 1893. He is now in South Dakota, where he has a claim.

Mr. McNeal purchased a farm in Hamilton county, Indiana, in 1857, comprising one hundred acres, for which he paid fifteen hundred dollars, but remained here only a short time. He bought, sold and traded in lands quite extensively, gradually increasing his fortune by sound business methods, and finally located in Harrison township, Howard county, in 1881, where he resided on a well managed and well improved farm until 1896. He then moved to Center township. Having sold his farm in 1900 he moved to Kokomo, where he resides in a commodious and nicely furnished home at 904 Armstrong avenue.

Fraternally Mr. McNeal is a Mason, holding his membership in Lodge No. 196, Cicero, Indiana. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 262, at Cicero, having twice passed the chairs in this order. He is the only charter member of this lodge now living. In politics he is a staunch Republican, having cast his first ballot for John C. Fremont for President. Although taking considerable interest in political affairs, always doing what he could to further the interests of his community, politically or any other way, the subject has never found time to take a very active part in local conventions or elections, and he has never aspired to public office.

Miss Charlotte Oretta McNeal is a member of the General Cox Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; also a member of the Rebekah lodge and the Eastern Star, and a member of the Chautauqua Round Table, having graduated in the class of 1902. She is a member of the church and is regarded as a woman of many estimable attributes and commendable traits, being very popular in all circles in Kokomo.

Mr. McNeal enjoys the unstinted respect and esteem of a large circle of friends as a result of his well regulated life, his uprightness and hospitality.

JOHN W. HARBAUGH.

The strong, earnest men of a people are always public benefactors. Their usefulness in the immediate specific labors they perform can be defined by metes and bounds, but the good they do through the forces they put in motion and through the inspiration of their presence and example is immeasurably an infinite gauge or standard of value. The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is a man of this type. Although well known and highly esteemed, he is averse to any notice savoring of adulation and prefers to let his achievements rather than the fulsome praise of the chronicler speak for him. Every life, however, if properly known, contains more or less of interest, and the public claims a certain property right in the career of every citizen, regardless of his achievements or the station he has attained. In placing before the reader the brief review that follows due deference is accorded the feelings of the subject, in conformity with whose well known wishes the writer will endeavor to adhere strictly to facts and omit as far as possible complimentary allusions, at the same time realizing that the latter have been honorably earned and should form no small part of a life sketch in which it is sought to render nothing but what justice and meritorious recognition demand.

John W. Harbaugh, of the firm of Miller & Harbaugh, is a native of Hamilton county, Indiana, and the son of Philip and Martha (Galbreath) Harbaugh. He was born in 1874 on a farm, but at the age of two years was taken by his parents to Circleville, Indiana, where he spent his childhood and youth. In due time he entered the schools of that place, and after attending the same until acquiring a knowledge of the branches taught therein he came to Kokomo with his parents in 1890, and where he was not long in securing remunerative employment in a glass factory. After devoting

the ensuing eight years to that kind of labor Mr. Harbaugh resigned his position, and subsequently (in 1903) engaged in the real estate business, which he has since followed with most gratifying success, being at this time (1908) in partnership with F. D. Miller, the firm thus constituted having an extensive and rapidly growing patronage in Kokomo and throughout Howard county, doing business on their own capital and handling as much real estate perhaps as any other firm of the kind in the city.

In connection with the real estate transactions Mr. Harbaugh has also erected a number of houses, which he placed on the market for the benefit of purchasers, having put up in Kokomo alone more than one hundred first class edifices, all of which found ready sale at liberal figures, the margins realized in the enterprise fully justifying the undertaking. At the cost of twenty thousand dollars Mr. Harbaugh's firm some time ago purchased the land on which the Miller-Harbaugh addition to Kokomo was platted, consisting of forty-eight lots on South Washington street and Armstrong avenue, the enterprise realizing the expectations of the promoters and proving a judicious as well as an exceedingly fortunate investment, as the rapid sale of these lots abundantly indicates. For the enterprising spirit displayed in thus providing so many beautiful and comfortable homes at moderate cost and at the same time adding so much to the beauty and attractiveness of Kokomo, as well as increasing the value of contiguous property many fold, Mr. Harbaugh may be considered a public benefactor, for had it not been for his efforts in thus promoting the city's material advancement scores of respectable citizens would today be expending their means to landlords in rents or would perhaps have moved to other parts. Mr. Harbaugh's success from a business standpoint has been something beyond the ordinary, beginning as he did with little capital worthy of mention. He has moved steadily forward, overcoming difficulties that would have discour-

aged many of less fortitude, venturing where others would have hesitated, taking advantage of circumstances and in the absence of opportunities creating them, he has rapidly forged to the front and today occupies a prominent place in business circles and has a strong and abiding hold upon the confidence and esteem of his fellow men of all classes and his life affords a notable example of what a young man can accomplish when actuated by lofty purposes and an earnest desire to assist others while using all honorable means to advance his own interests. Among Mr. Harbaugh's most pronounced characteristics are his clear foresight and sound common sense and discreet judgment, to which may be added becoming modesty and a tendency to minimize rather than magnify his own achievements. He stands high socially and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens is best illustrated by his election in 1906 to the city council, where his business tact and interest in the public welfare have made him an able and eminently useful municipal legislator. He is still serving in this body, having been elected thereto by the Republican party, of which he has been a loyal and zealous supporter ever since old enough to exercise the rights of citizenship.

Mr. Harbaugh is a married man and has a pleasant home in Kokomo, the crowning spirit of which is a young lady of culture and refinement who formerly bore the name of Effie Bridwell. Mrs. Harbaugh was born and reared in the city where she now resides, was graduated from the high school and for some time prior to her marriage was one of the city's most efficient and popular teachers, moving in the best social circles. She keeps pace with the trend of current thought on matters in which the most intelligent of her sex are interested, in addition to which she is also active in religious work, being a respected member of the Main Street Christian church and a liberal contributor to the support of the Gospel, both at home and abroad.

CAPTAIN ROBERT JACOBS.

The most elaborate history is perforce a merciless abridgement, the historian being obliged to select his facts and materials from manifold details and to marshal them in concise and logical order. This applies to specific as well as generic history, and in the former category is included the interesting and important department of biography. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of interesting situations and incidents, and yet in summing up such a career the writer must needs touch only on the more salient facts, giving the keynote of the character and eliminating all that is superfluous to the continuity of the narrative. The subject of this sketch has led an active and eminently useful life, not entirely void of the exciting, but the more prominent facts have been so identified with the useful and practical that it is to them almost entirely that the writer refers in the following lines.

Robert L. Jacobs is a native of Indiana, born in the county of Wabash on December 25th of the year 1870, being the son of Thomas and Margaret (Polk) Jacobs. At the early age of ten years he was deprived of a mother's tender care and guidance, but the father kept the family together until the children were able to make their own way in the world and spared no efforts or pains in looking after his interests and instilling into his youthful mind proper conceptions of duty and the responsibilities which awaited him when he should grow up and take his place in the busy scenes of life. After remaining at home and attending the public schools at intervals until his fourteenth year he accepted the position of clerk and delivery boy in a grocery store, the duties of which he discharged until becoming a salesman for a clothing firm in the city of Wabash, his experience in these capacities having a practical value in making him familiar with business and enabling him the better to lay the foundation for

his future course of action. Leaving Wabash in 1890 he came to Kokomo and entered the employ of Strickland & Company, and after some time with the firm accepted a position with E. Perkins, still later selling goods successively for Shonfield & Stone and Isaac Myers, his experience with the above parties covering a period of twelve years, at the expiration of which time he severed his connection with the mercantile business to enter the employ of the Knerr Board and Paper Company, with which he became identified in 1902.

Mr. Jacobs entered the above establishment as assistant superintendent, which responsible position he still holds and the duties of which he has discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the firm, whose full confidence he enjoys and by whom he is held in the highest personal esteem and regard.

When the Grant Fencibles, or Company L, Indiana National Guard, was organized in 1892, Mr. Jacobs entered its ranks as a private, but in due time rose to the position of sergeant, later passed by successive promotions to second and first lieutenant and in 1896 to the rank of captain, which position he was holding at the breaking out of the Spanish-American war. Shortly after the beginning of the struggle the company was called upon for active duty, being mustered into service on May 10, 1898, as Company L, of the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Indiana Volunteers, and later joined the main command at Chickamauga, Tennessee, where it was stationed until transferred to Knoxville, that state, the following August, from which place it was ordered home the ensuing September. The war having closed the company was mustered out on November 4th of the same year, its experience, which covered a period lacking six days of six months, being in every respect satisfactory and reflecting credit upon its commanding officer, who during the time indicated brought the company to a high standard of discipline and won recognition as one of the best and most soldierly captains in the service.

Captain Jacobs has great liking for the military and a natural aptitude for the manifold duties connected with the army life. On the mother's side he came of a family of soldiers, his grandfather Polk, who was a cousin of ex-President James K. Polk, having performed military service, while two of his uncles served with distinction in the Civil war, Robert Polk as colonel and Samuel as captain, the latter being killed in battle.

The captain is a prominent member of the Pythian fraternity, in which he has passed all the chairs and in the Uniform Rank of which he is captain of Company No. 6, besides serving at different times as assistant inspector general of the Indiana Brigade, Uniform Rank, on the staff of General Jones. He stands high in the order both locally and throughout the state, and has added greatly to the growth and influence of the company over which he has command, the latter being recognized as one of the best drilled and thoroughly disciplined organizations of the kind in Indiana. He is also identified with Lodge No. 100, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he takes an active interest and the growth of which in public favor is due as much to his efforts as to those of any other member of the society.

Captain Jacobs is a Republican in politics, but by no means aggressive. Nevertheless he is familiar with the leading questions upon which men and parties divide and has the courage of his convictions in these and other matters of interest and importance.

In the year 1862 Captain Jacobs entered the marriage relation with Maude Reed, of Wabash, Indiana, an intelligent and estimable young lady of that city and a graduate of its high school, the union resulting in the birth of two children—Fennell, who died at the early age of six months, and Elinor Elizabeth.

Captain Jacobs is essentially a self-made man, and as such ranks with the most enterprising and progressive of his contemporaries.

Thrown upon his own resources at the age of fourteen, without help or influence from any source, he has steadily pursued the honorable course which in due time brought social recognition and the responsible place he now fills in the industrial world. By a life consistent in motive and action and because of his many fine personal qualities he has earned the sincere regard of all who know him, and in his home, which is the center of a large social circle, there is always in evidence a spirit of generous hospitality, old and young alike being at all times welcome.

JERÔME C. DOLMAN.

This well known citizen is an excellent representative of the better class of retired business men of the United States, coming from an ancestry that distinguished itself in the pioneer times. When the country was covered with an almost interminable forest of native trees, filled with wild animals, his people came here and began to carve homes from the primeval forests, build schools and churches and introduce the customs of civilization in the wilderness. They were genuine pioneers, willing to take the hardships that they might acquire the soil and the home that was sure to rise.

The subject of this sketch was born in Jonesboro, Grant county, Indiana, March 6, 1841. His parents were Alexander and Terressa (Ashton) Dolman, both natives of Ohio, where they were married. They settled in Indiana in about 1834. He was a tailor by trade, which he followed in Ohio, and also operated a shop on his farm after coming to Jonesboro, this state. He lived on this farm until 1849, dying at the age of forty-nine years of cholera, when this section was stricken with that dread disease. He was sur-

vived by a widow and ten children. Mrs. Dolman remained at the old home until her death at eighty-three years of age. All her children reached maturity and six are living in 1908. Rufus A. Dolman, brother of the subject's father, came to Kokomo in 1860 and engaged in the mercantile business, also the pork picking industry. He died at Kokomo in 1881, at the age of fifty-four.

Jerome C. Dolman, our subject, left the farm when twenty years of age, being unable to overcome the wave of patriotic fervor that swept over him when the tocsin of war sounded calling for loyal sons of the Republic to stand by the flag, so he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Indiana Infantry, raised at Marion, in which regiment he served gallantly for three years. He was at first sent to Missouri after General Price, spending the first winter in Northern Arkansas, having engaged in the battle of Pea Ridge in 1862, later marching to Helena and was on the Mississippi river until the siege of Vicksburg, where he saw hard service in the trenches and was among the victors who entered that city on July 4, 1863. After engaging in the battle at Jackson he was sent to New Orleans and was sent by boat to Washington City and later joined Sheridan's army in the Shenandoah Valley, serving in several battles. When his time expired he was discharged at Harper's Ferry, after serving a little over three years, during which time he was never wounded or captured although he was in many hard-fought battles, being in the ranks all the time.

After his career in the army he returned to Jonesboro, Indiana, and to Kokomo in the winter of 1864, entering the shoe store of John Gripper, his brother-in-law, where he remained two years as clerk. Later he had charge of the entire store, Mr. Gripper having left it to Mr. Dolman. This he successfully operated for a period of three years. He then opened a new shoe store in company with James A. Wildman, who later became state auditor. They re-

ained in partnership until 1871 when Wildman was succeeded by James Purdum, who continued in business until the latter's death some six years later. Then the business was conducted alone by Mr. Dolman until 1903 when he retired after carrying on the same line of work for a period of thirty-nine years, being the oldest merchant in Kokomo, having confined himself to the one line all the time, his location having been at No. 4 Main street, where the Vaile shoe store is now located. His was the first exclusive shoe store in Kokomo. He had a shop in connection with the store and made boots so long as they were in style. Needless to say that the business of the subject thrived from the start and grew in magnitude from year to year until he retired, for he had early mastered all the details incident to the boot and shoe business.

The subject has an excellent farm three miles from Kokomo where he has much fine stock. He erected his present commodious and well appointed home in 1907, his old residence being the site of the new government building.

Mr. Dolman was united in marriage with Elsie Purdum in 1893, widow of his old partner, whose maiden name was Newcomb, daughter of Dr. Newcomb, late of Kokomo. They have one daughter, Belle Marie, graduate of the Kokomo high school, who also studied at the Oberlin Conservatory at Oberlin, Ohio, in which institution she made a brilliant record.

Mr. Dolman has been twice a member of the city council of Kokomo during the time when the gas meters were being installed, and he rendered valuable service and gave weighty advice to the city, looking carefully to its interests just as if he had been managing his own private affairs. Although a loyal Republican he has never had political ambitions and was never a candidate for offices of public trust. He is a member of the Congregational church and has been a Mason for forty years.

Mr. Dolman is perhaps the best known man in Kokomo and vicinity and one of the most influential in Howard county, where so many long years of useful endeavor have been spent, and where he has justly earned the high esteem of every one which he now enjoys in his declining age, happy in the thought that his life has been well spent, a life that was not selfish, but which at all times strove to make others happier, better and friendlier.

JOHN B. BUTCHER.

The young boy, as he listened to the recitals of the old soldier, especially to the hero of the Civil war, could not fail to be fired with zeal and enthusiasm for the cause as the boys in blue told about their exploits and exposures for the cause of freedom and the perpetuity of the Union. This old soldier was not only a hero with every lad, but lessons of true bravery, courage and sacrifice were often indelibly impressed on the mind of the boy, and such lessons were a part of his patriotic education. Many of these stories made the very hair stand on end, and the listener was made to wonder if it could be possible that human bravery could face so much shot and shell for the sake of country, home and liberty. But the real struggles for these were not confined to gunpowder alone. True bravery was as often shown in the daily life, in the battle for bread, home and love's real conquests. The conflict against poverty, vice and the enemy of the sweets of family life was often more trying than the shrieks of the mortally wounded on the country's battlefield, and the victor in the strife, with the banner of peace floating gently to the breezes of civilization and happiness, is crowned with his heart's craving, life honorable and home to his

liking. Our subject was not only brave in following his country's flag, but the truest life was seen in the pleasures of his home surroundings.

Our subject is a native of Decatur county, Indiana, the son of William and Sadona (Brown) Butcher, and born January 20, 1843. His father moved to this county in 1853 and was the owner of eight hundred acres of land here. He was from Virginia, and was not only a good manager but thought he saw value in the future in these lands and bought plentifully while cheap. He died in 1868. He was twice married, being the father of five sons by his first wife and by his second wife three sons, five of whom were brave soldiers in the Civil war—George W., Isaac M., Solomon T., John B. and A. P.

John B. our subject, enlisted September 22, 1861, in Company H, Thirty-Fourth Indiana Infantry, and was given the position of sergeant. His first engagement was at New Madras, Island No. 10. Afterwards in succession he fought in battles at Fort Gibson, Champion Hills, forty-seven days at Vicksburg, and seven days at Jackson, Mississippi. From here his regiment went to New Orleans and on December 29, 1863, he went to Texas on the ship *Continental*, tossing about for fourteen days in a storm at sea. He then campaigned in Texas, Missouri, coming back to New Orleans from whence he was discharged having served three years, the term of enlistment. He was sick for several months and was not expected to recover. He served three years and two months. He now receives a pension of twenty-four dollars per month.

In 1867 he was married to Sarah J. Thomas, a native of Cass county. The result of this union was four children, three girls and one boy, one daughter being deceased.

After he came home from the war and had recovered somewhat he farmed awhile, securing a farm of one hundred and twenty acres.

About eleven years ago he moved to Kokomo and went into the livery business.

Mr. and Mrs. Butcher belong to the United Brethren church and are faithful members of this religious body. He is a trustee of his church. In politics he is a Republican and served one term as township trustee of Ervin township. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and Past Commander of Kokomo Lodge, No. 30. He has a very large circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem him very highly.

ELWOOD S. HOCKETT.

Among the men who have been largely instrumental in developing and advancing the opulent natural resources of Howard county and who have been instrumental in advancing the public welfare stands the gentleman whose name initiates this review and whose fine real estate office is in Kokomo. It is most consonant that in this compilation mention be made of those sterling pioneers who have done so much for the upbuilding of this section of the state, in the majority of instances being compelled to endure the vicissitudes which usually attend those who form the advance guard of civilization in a new country. Time and prolific enterprise have wrought wonderful changes in this section since our subject first saw the light of day, and the great section no longer depends upon its initial industry of lumbering, but has been brought forward to the high plane which is marked in the older sections of the commonwealth. The subject, who has aided materially in the developing of Howard county, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, October 5, 1847. He was brought to Hendricks county, Indiana, when ten years of age,

and on April 1, 1868, reached Kokomo. He is the son of Asa Hockett, a tile manufacturer, who started the first tile manufacturing plant in this part of the state, which occupation he followed for fifteen years, dying in Kokomo at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, Elizabeth Wasson, to whom he was married in Ohio, was born in Wayne county, Indiana. She was the daughter of Calvin W. Wasson, a Friends' minister for fifty years, having spent his long life preaching throughout Ohio and Indiana, however, he lived for several years in Miami county. Elizabeth died in 1870, twenty-two years before the death of her husband. She was fifty-five years old. They had a family of three sons and one daughter, namely: Albert, a carpenter, living at Altus, Oklahoma; Elwood; Martha, wife of Rev. Dr. Newton, of Noblesville, Indiana; Walter, a machinist employed at Indianapolis. Elwood S. is the only one living in Howard county, where he has made his home for the past forty years. On coming to Kokomo he engaged with his father in the manufacture of tiles and finally became the owner of the plant which he operated for fifteen years, operating it during the summer season and teaching school during the winter months in Miami county and Howard counties for a period of four years. He taught in Kokomo as principal for four years in a ward school. He was principal in the fourth ward from 1873 to 1876, having about four teachers under him. Professor Cox was then superintendent, with his wife as assistant. Several of the subject's pupils became efficient teachers, including Indiana Mortz. Although the subject received only a common school education together with what he received at the teachers' institute, he is a highly educated man, having always been a close student and is widely read, and a brilliant conversationalist, being able to interest his readers on almost any topic, whether political, educational, scientific or literary.

Having learned the brick mason's trade in his youth he followed

contracting for several years in Kokomo and Howard county. He also successfully operated a grocery store for several years.

In 1888 he was elected township trustee, serving in this capacity with credit for seven years. This was a serious time during part of the term, for the panic of 1893 caused a money stringency that resulted in the officials of this county having many poor people to look after, and our subject helped to provide for the wants of at least two thousand who were out of employment and had to be assisted, making his position a responsible one, but he filled it with great credit, and erected school houses and did many other commendable things.

In 1895 he launched in the real estate business, carrying insurance, dealing in loans, etc., with which he has been eminently successful owing to the careful and honorable methods which he has employed in managing the same. In the meantime he had a machine shop at Tipton which was under his direction. But his time is now devoted almost exclusively to his office work. He carries a fine line of fire insurance and has many good loans out.

The E. S. Hockett addition to Kokomo is in the southeast section of the city, and he was one of the six men who opened the Parkview addition at the time of the gas development. It comprises sixty acres in the residence section of the city, which has proven a choice building district. He has also helped open additions for others, understanding the best methods with which to carry out such plans to successful issues. His associates have been Ed. A. Simmons, the present postmaster; J. C. Dewees and L. E. Collins, the last named being his associate in 1908.

Mr. Hockett deals extensively in both city and country property, having an agency for northern, northwestern and southwestern lands. He is at present a member of the city council and is noted for his firm stand at all times for substantial improvements in Ko-

komo, having great faith in the city's future. Being so popular throughout the country, his advice and services are naturally sought during elections and he is always a delegate to various conventions where his voice is heard in their deliberations or his influence felt in the shaping of their policies. Needless to say that our subject is a loyal Republican. Among the noteworthy things that Mr. Hockett has done for Kokomo may be mentioned the fact that he was largely instrumental in securing a number of manufacturing establishments while a member of the old association which was organized for the purpose of promoting the city's enterprises.

Mr. Hockett was united in marriage in 1872 with Mabel E. Banta, who was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, having come from Preble county, Ohio, to Kokomo in 1865, and taught school for some time in Howard county. To this union two children have been born, namely: Jessie, a music teacher who is still a member of the family circle; Glen, who resides in Kokomo and is city electrician.

The subject has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since he was twenty-one years old, or for a period of thirty-eight years in 1908, being one of the oldest members in this lodge in the vicinity of Kokomo, having passed all the chairs and been representative to the grand lodge. He is also a Master Mason. Thus in many ways can we account for Mr. Hockett's popularity in Howard county.

N. C. HAMILTON, M. D.

The medical profession in Howard county has an able and worthy representative in the person of Dr. N. C. Hamilton, whose success since locating in Kokomo has won him many warm friends

and admirers in the city and county and made him widely and favorably known among the representative medical men in this part of the state.

As his name indicates, Dr. Hamilton is descended from the sturdy Scotch-Irish element, that has added so much to the moral fiber of the American commonwealth and is a compliment worthily bestowed to claim for him the possession of many of the sterling attributes and characteristics for which that people have long been distinguished. On the mother's side his ancestors were Scotch and bore the characteristic name of McGlaughlin. Both branches of the family were early representatives in the country and have been known in Logan county, Ohio, where the doctor's parents, James G. Hamilton and Isabella McGlaughlin, were married and spent the greater part of their lives.

Dr. Hamilton was born in the above county and state on August 13, 1873, and spent his childhood and early youth in the town of Zanesville, where he also received his first instruction in the public schools. Owing to circumstances over which he had no control he was early obliged to rely upon his own resources for a livelihood, accordingly at the early age of eleven years he left the parental roof and during the ensuing two years turned his hands to any kind of honorable labor he could find to do. While still a mere lad he determined to take advantage of every opportunity to increase his earnings with the object in view of obtaining a good education and ultimately fitting himself for some useful vocation, his early experience having taught him that without such preparation his life would be of little worth. To this end therefore he husbanded his savings with the greatest care, and being blessed with a vigorous physique and good health he was able to put in steady time as a farm hand until accumulating sufficient means to defray his expenses for one term at the State University, Ada, Ohio.

On becoming a student of that institution young Hamilton applied himself diligently and made such rapid progress that within a comparatively short time he was sufficiently advanced to pass the required examination and obtain a teacher's license. After teaching two years in the country schools he secured an appointment as night watchman at the State Industrial school at Lancaster, later being promoted to assistant superintendent, with which institution he continued until his twenty-second year, meanwhile laying aside the greater part of his salary and devoting his hours of leisure to the pursuit of such books as would enable him to lay a firm mental foundation for the subsequent courses of study in medicine which he had determined to take.

Having decided to make this profession his life work, the doctor in 1866 severed his connection with the Industrial school and in the fall of that year entered Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, where he prosecuted his studies and researches with diligence and assiduity until completing the prescribed course and receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine later. In the spring of 1900, the year in which he graduated, Dr. Hamilton came to Kokomo and formed a partnership with Dr. J. C. F. Thorne, the firm thus constituted lasting about one year when it was dissolved by mutual consent, since which time he has been alone in the practice, building up a professional business, the meanwhile which in scope and magnitude, is second to that of few physicians in the city or county. Dr. Hamilton is in many respects remarkable in that he began life with no capital save a clear brain, strong will and an inborn determination to succeed, and his success in overcoming the many obstacles in his way and forging to the front among the leading men of his profession in an old and well occupied field bespeak the possession of ability with which few are endowed. He has always been a critical student and with a laudable ambition to rise

in his profession he keeps abreast the times in all matters relating thereto, being well grounded in its fundamental principles and ready to adopt any modern discovery or improved method suggested or sanctioned by the leading schools and authorities. The doctor is a gentleman of pleasing presence and genial personality and during his residence of over eight years in Kokomo he has gathered about him a wide circle of loyal friends in business and professional circles and in addition to which it can truly be said that his popularity is bounded neither by class nor condition. His already comprehensive practice is steadily growing, and being in the prime of vigorous physical and mental powers he confidently looks forward to many years of activity and usefulness in the noble and humane calling to which his life is being so unselfishly devoted.

Dr. Hamilton maintains a beautiful home in Kokomo and is the head of an interesting family circle consisting of an intelligent and refined wife and three bright children, who answer to the names of Marion L., Isabel P. and Alice J. Mrs. Hamilton, formerly Clara Laughlin, is a native of the same state and county in which the doctor was born, and as indicated above is a lady of gracious presence and varied culture, being not only a graduate of the schools in the place of her birth, but also an alumni of the Cleveland Art school, one of the noted institutions of the kind in this country. She possesses artistic talent of a high order and is a leader and authority in this branch of culture in the city of Kokomo, where she is widely known and socially very much esteemed.

The doctor discharges the duties of citizenship as becomes an intelligent, broad-minded American of the times, being interested in the growth and development of his adopted city and a friend to all enterprises and measures for its advancement along material lines to say nothing of his deep interest in all that makes for the intellectual development and moral welfare of the populace. He is a Re-

publican, but has never entered the domain of party politics, voting his principles, expressing his opinions, fearlessly when necessary but steering clear of the amphitheater in which partisan feelings and rancour too often find expression. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic Brotherhood and religiously holds membership with the Congregational church in which he now fills the office of deacon, his wife being also an active and useful communicant of the same congregation with which he is identified, and deeply interested in its various lines of religious and benevolent and charitable work.

EDWARD THOMAS HATTON.

The record of Mr. Hatton is that of a man who has worked his way from a modest beginning up to a position of considerable prominence by his efforts which have been practically unaided, which fact renders him the more worthy of the praise that is freely accorded him by his fellow men. His life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and the notably systematic and honorable methods he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence and regard of all who have formed his acquaintance and in looking over the list of Howard county's business men who have been successful in their line of work, especially those whose place of residence is Kokomo, the biographer deems none more worthy of representation in a work of this nature than that of the gentleman whose name appears above.

Edward Thomas Hatton was born near Center, this county, February 15, 1804, the son of James H. Hatton, who was born at Vevay, Indiana, April 11, 1830. His mother, Rachel J. Hatton, was born March 10, 1836. The subject's parents were people of

high ideals and reproachless character who spared no pains in giving their children every opportunity possible.

Our subject was reared in Taylor township, this county and in his early youth assisted his father on the farm, attending the common schools during the winter months until he received sufficient education to enable him to enter the Northern Indiana Normal school at Valparaiso, where he did special work and made a splendid record for scholarship, being an ardent student in the subjects he pursued.

After leaving school Mr. Hatton devoted his time to the carpenter's trade, doing contracting, in which he was engaged for several years with splendid success attending his efforts. He abandoned this line of work May 25, 1869, after which he formed a partnership and began a general merchandise business at Center, Howard county, which partnership lasted for three years, terminating September 12, 1872, when he began business for himself, continuing at Center where he had become well known to the people of the surrounding country as an able and courteous merchant who always tried to please his customers and give them full value for their money, handling the best grade of goods obtainable. In connection with his store he conducted a general notion and produce wagon in the country for several years.

In 1874 Mr. Hatton was appointed agent at Center of the Panhandle Railroad and agent for the Adams Express Company. Believing that he would have a wider field for his growing business, he decided to move his stock of goods to Kokomo, which he subsequently did, at the same time trading his real estate for a farm in Fulton county, Indiana. He secured the old McElwee building at the corner of Union street and Vaile avenue, moving into the place with an excellent stock of goods. Subsequently he moved to his present location on the opposite side of Vaile avenue where he con-

ducts a large business which is constantly growing. He has prospered through his unusual business ability during the past few years until he is not only enabled to carry a large and up-to-date stock of goods, but has also erected an elegant, modern and commodious residence on South Union street where he now resides.

Mr. Hatton was happily married to Addie Eliza Moreland, the accomplished and congenial daughter of Henry L. and Almira J. (Burr) Moreland, of Kokomo, the date of the wedding having been June 20, 1887, and to this union three winsome daughters have been born, namely: Ruth Fern, Zella Madabne and Jenesse Almira.

In politics Mr. Hatton's support has always been with the Democratic party and he is well grounded in his political beliefs. He has always advocated clean and honest politics and his efforts may always be depended upon to place the best man available in the county offices. He advocates honest politics as well as honesty in business, believing that one is just as essential and no more of an effort to make effective than the other. He is a devoted member of the Christian church and his voice is often heard in the general conferences of this denomination.

Fraternally our subject is a member of the Masonic lodge at Center, where he joined April 23, 1887; he also is a member of the Eastern Star, in which organization Mrs. Hatton is a conspicuous member.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatton are pleasant and affable people and by virtue of their upright lives, kindly disposition and the cheerfulness ever dispensed at their home they are popular and highly esteemed by the people of Kokomo and Center, in fact, by all who know them.

JAMES F. MILNER.

That the plenitude of satiety is seldom attained in the affairs of life is to be considered a most beneficial deprivation, for where ambition is satisfied and every ultimate end realized, if such be possible, apathy must follow. Effort would cease, accomplishment be prostrate and creative talent waste its energies in inactivity. The men who have pushed forward the wheels of progress have been those to whom satisfaction lies ever in the future, who have labored continuously, always finding in each transition stage an incentive for further effort. Mr. Milner is one whose well directed efforts have gained for him a position of desired prominence in the commercial circles of Howard county, and his energy and enterprise have been crowned by success.

James F. Milner was born in Marshall county, Indiana, November 14, 1804, the son of William Harvey and Emily A. (Woods) Milner. The paternal grandfather of the subject was a native of Indiana, having been reared in Randolph county. Grandfather Woods formerly came from Ohio to LaPorte, Indiana, and thence to Plymouth, this state. The ancestors of the subject were of that sterling pioneer stock of which any one might justly be proud, for they were people of much influence and worth in their communities, doing much to prepare the state for the coming generations, in fact, had it not been for the praiseworthy tasks performed by such as these succeeding civilization would have been seriously retarded. There were seven children in the Milner family, four daughters and three sons, six of whom are living in 1908.

The parents of the subject came to Howard county, Indiana, in 1800. They were always regarded as people of influence and uprightness by all who knew them.

James F. Milner, our subject, was reared in Plymouth, this

state, and received his early educational training at that place. He assisted his father in his work moving houses, which was the latter's occupation.

The subject was married in 1885 to Lizzie Flosenzier, a native of Adams county, Ohio, and a lady of many estimable traits. The date of her birth is recorded as March 2, 1860. Her father is Valentine Flosenzier, whose parents were both natives of Germany. Her parents came to Marshall county, Indiana, where they located on a farm and where she attended school, receiving a fairly good education.

Mr. and Mrs. Milner began their happy married life in Plymouth where they remained until they came to Kokomo, Howard county, in 1862. Mr. Milner became a partner with his father in the house moving business, conducting the business jointly until 1869 when the subject bought out the interest of his father and has since conducted it alone. He has a modern and very valuable piece of property on Ladfountain street and six other properties besides his moving tools, which are modern in every respect.

The home of the subject and wife has been blessed by the birth of one son, Leon Albertus, who was born December 25, 1887. He is a very promising young man, possessing much business ability. He received a common school education, attending high school in Kokomo for two years.

Besides the individual property mentioned above which the subject owns, he has half interest in the Kokomo Box Company which manufactures all kinds of shipping boxes. It is a new industry in this city, having been established in April, 1908, but judging from the excellent patronage the business has received the future promises much for it and it will doubtless be among the thriving industries of Kokomo in due course of time.

Politically Mr. Milner is a Democrat, but he never had time

to devote much attention to the work of his party, however, he always stands for clean politics and the best men available for local offices. He is a member in high standing of the Masonic fraternity, lodge No. 93, having attained the degree of Knight Templar. Mrs. Milner is a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. and Mrs. Milner are pleasant people to meet and they have scores of friends in Kokomo as a result of their upright lives and kindness of disposition.

EDWARD J. SHOWALTER

It is interesting to note from the beginning the growth and development of a community, to note the lines along which progress has been made and to take cognizance of those whose industry and leadership in the work of advancement have rendered possible the present prosperity of the locality under consideration.

Edward J. Showalter, of this review, is one of the strong sturdy individuals who has contributed largely to the material welfare of the city in which he resides, being an up-to-date business man, and public-spirited as a citizen, and progressive in all the term implies. For a number of years he has been a potent factor in promoting its progress along social, intellectual and moral lines, consequently his name well deserves a place in the record of Howard county's citizens.

Edward J. Showalter was born in Brookville, Franklin county, Indiana, April 6, 1867, the son of Isaac Showalter, a builder and contractor of that county. Our subject was reared in Brookville, attending the schools there, nearly completing the course. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the tinner's trade at Brookville and Connersville and he came to Kokomo in 1891, working for the

Armstrong-Landon Company. He went in business for himself that year on the north side of the square. Later he began business at his present stand, 211 West Walnut street. He is engaged in tinning and slate roof work, also installs furnaces. He does an extensive business in all these lines, having established a reputation for promptness in filling orders and doing first class work at reasonable rates.

The subject was married at Connersville, Indiana, April 20, 1887, to Louise Reifel, daughter of Philip and Mary Reifel, natives of Germany. Five children, three boys and two girls have added cheer and sunshine to this happy home. Carl F., who graduated from the Kokomo high school in 1906, is a bookkeeper in a rubber company; the other children are: Stanley, Ruth, Louise and Edward.

Fraternally Mr. Showalter is a member of the Masons, Howard Lodge, No. 93, having attained the Master Mason's degree. He has also been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge since he was twenty-one years old. He belongs to Kokomo Camp, No. 3987, Modern Woodmen of America, carrying insurance in the same. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, being the nominee in 1908 for trustee of Center township. He is a member of the Methodist church of Markland avenue and an active worker in the same, being a trustee at this writing.

It would be hard to find within the city limits of Kokomo or within the bounds of Howard county a more upright, public-spirited and pleasant man than Mr. Showalter, who has, by his honest business principles, built up an extensive trade and by his manly, sober and altogether wholesome life gained the respect and esteem of all and made friends by the scores. Those who know him are not surprised that such a worthy gentlemen should be so well and generally liked, owing to his many admirable traits of character.

NEIL THOMAS.

Among the strong and influential citizens of Howard county the record of whose lives have become an essential part of the history of this section, the gentleman whose name appears above occupies a prominent place and for years has exerted a beneficial influence in the city where he resides. His chief characteristics are keenness of perception, a tireless energy, honesty of purpose and motive and every-day common-sense, which has enabled him not only to advance his own interests, but also largely contribute to the moral and material advancement of the community.

Neil Thomas, the well known shoe merchant of Kokomo, Indiana, was born in Darke county, Ohio, October 15, 1848, the son of Jacob and Mary (Warwick) Thomas, the father having been a blacksmith who lived and died in the above named county, however, he later in life became a storekeeper and was a man of considerable influence in his community. He was postmaster during the Civil war, having been assisted in his official work by our subject, the training he received in that capacity having later been of much value to him.

Our subject was educated in the village and rural schools of his native county and at the age of nineteen he entered a general store at Greenville, Ohio, where he worked for seventy-five dollars a year and board, having remained with the same firm for nine years. While he did not receive much compensation for his services, he mastered the mercantile business which has enabled him later in life to make a pronounced success in this line. After he severed his connection with his first employers he engaged in the mercantile business of his own accord and in September, 1884, he opened a shoe store in the room where he now conducts his large business and which he now owns at 26 West Walnut street, having success-

fully conducted a shoe store here for nearly a quarter of a century in 1908. He commenced with a very small stock, and by his fair dealing his customers have steadily increased until he has been able to add to his stock from time to time, seldom losing a customer and making hosts of friends through his honest dealing and courteous treatment, having now one of the best and most modern shoe stores in this part of the state. His patrons say that they have always received the worth of their money when dealing with Mr. Thomas.

Our subject was united in marriage in Kokomo to Mrs. Temperance Carter in 1888 and they are the parents of three very promising children, namely: Edith, Clarence and Mary, the first named being a graduate of the Kokomo high school.

Politically our subject is a loyal Democrat. He is a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church of which his wife is a member. They have both become well known in Kokomo and their pleasant, well furnished and modern home at 158 West Mulberry street, is regarded as the mecca of hospitality and is a favorite gathering place for their numerous guests.

Mr. Thomas is a man of sterling qualities and has made his success in business by being honest, strictly square in all his dealings, his upright principles and genial disposition not only winning and retaining numerous customers but hosts of friends as well.

AMARIAH P. SUTTON.

The subject of this review enjoys distinctive prestige among the enterprising business men of the thriving city of Kokomo and as a neighbor and citizen is highly esteemed by all who know him. He has earned the right to be called one of the progressive men of How-

ard county, having fought his way onward and upward to a prominent position in industrial circles and in every relation of life his voice and influence are on the side of right as he sees and understands the right.

Amariah P. Sutton was born in Rush county, Indiana, June 5, 1842, the son of Henry and Mary M. (Wright) Sutton, people of sterling worth and much influence in their community. The father of the subject came to Rush county, this state, in an early day, and the mother of the subject also came to Rush county when she had reached maturity. They were married there, in Taylor township, in 1838, spending many years of their active and useful lives in Rush county, being the owners of two hundred acres of valuable land. They were members of the Princeton Baptist church, being regarded by every one as people of high character and hospitality. They came to Howard county in 1864 where they both passed to their eternal rest.

They were the parents of only two children, namely: Amos J., who is a resident of California, and Amariah P., our subject, who received a good education in the common schools of Rush county.

Mr. Sutton was united in marriage in 1873 to Alice B. Edwards, a native of Rush county and the scion of an influential family. The subject and wife have one child living and one died in infancy, H. C. The child who grew to maturity was born May 1, 1881, has received an excellent common school training and he is in business with his father, the firm name being A. P. Sutton & Son. They are interested in the coal business, having been thus engaged since 1906 in which they have made a success, the firm now enjoying a good patronage and gradually increasing their business, as the result of excellent management.

The subject is a believer in the Primitive Baptist church in which he has long taken a delight and where his influence is felt

for good, being recognized by the local congregation as one of their leading members. In politics he is a loyal Republican, and has been active in the interests of this party for many years, having the interests of his city and county at heart and losing no opportunity that presents itself whereby he can do anything to advance the interests of the locality where he has cast his lot. He was postmaster at Center, Howard county, for six years and was also in the employment business there. He was twice a candidate for sheriff of the county.

Mr. Sutton is an example of what a man can do who has the determination and force of character to go ahead in the face of obstacles. He was a poor man when he married, but he has prospered until he is at present conservatively worth twelve thousand dollars. But despite his busy life he has found time to do a great deal of fishing and hunting of both of which he is very fond.

The subject belongs to the Naphthali Lodge, No. 380, at Center, Howard county, having served in all the offices of this order, except that of master. He is well and favorably known in this county, having long been regarded as a man of sound business principles, upright in all his dealings and congenial to his acquaintances, consequently he has a host of friends.

EDWARD W. KLUM.

Howard county has been especially honored in the character and career of one who has forged his way to the front by a strong inherent force and well directed intelligence and judgment and who stands today among the representative men of Kokomo. Few men in this locality occupy a more honored place in the estimation of his fellow citizens than the subject of this sketch.

Edward W. Klum, deputy postmaster of Kokomo, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, in 1859, the son of Hiram and Mary F. (Webb) Klum, people of influence and sterling worth.

The subject was ten years old when he came with his parents to Kokomo, and after attending the public schools where he received a good text-book training which has been greatly increased by years of home reading and habits of observation. Mr. Klum secured employment as an accountant which work he has followed all his life, becoming an expert at this very exacting profession.

He was appointed assistant postmaster in 1906 and is still serving in this capacity (1908), giving entire satisfaction to all concerned, being peculiarly fitted for this kind of work.

Mr. Klum was united in marriage with Purcella Gammons, a native of Floyd county, this state, the ceremony having been performed at Kokomo. She is a representative of a highly honored and well known family. Two bright and interesting children have been born to this union.

The subject has been identified with the musical interests of Kokomo in different lines all his life, being regarded as an authority in this branch of the esthetics and well known to the city and community by virtue of this talent.

Fraternally Mr. Klum is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, Uniform Rank; also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his daily life would indicate that he lives up to the noble ideals set forth by the creeds of these orders. In politics he is a staunch Republican and has always been an active worker for his party, making his influence felt in local conventions and elections, lending his influence and time to place the best men in the city and county offices.

The subject is a consistent member of the Christian church at Kokomo, and he is known to be a man who is upright and scrupu-

lously honest in his intentions and he is a highly respected citizen of Kokomo where he has spent nearly all his active and useful life.

JOSEPH J. SMALL.

The most elaborate history is necessarily an abridgment, the historian necessarily being compelled to select his facts and materials from a multitude of details. So in every life of honor and usefulness the biographer finds no dearth of incident, and yet in summing up the career of any man the writer needs touch only the most salient points, giving only the keynote of the character, but eliminating much that is superfluous. Consequently in calling the reader's attention to the life record of the worthy gentleman whose name heads this paragraph no attempt shall be made to recount all the important acts in his useful life, nor recite every interesting incident in his somewhat remarkable career, for it is deemed that only a few of them will suffice to show him to be eminently worthy of a place in this volume along with his fellows of high standing and recognized worth.

Joseph J. Small was born in Franklin township, Grant county, Indiana, October 25, 1846, the son of Gideon and Dinah (Marshall) Small. The Small family came from North Carolina. The father married in Henry county, Indiana, and came to Grant county in 1845, settling in the woods, which he soon cleared and made a farm. Later he traded for another and cleared it up. He moved to Howard county in 1865, locating in Monroe township, where he farmed successfully until his death, his first wife having preceded him to the grave. He married again and his second wife is also now deceased. He had eight children by his first marriage, four of whom are now living. None are living in Howard county but the subject.

Our subject was nineteen years old when he came to Howard county. He had attended the common schools in Grant county and the New London high school until he had a fairly good education. Jennie Small, a half sister, is assistant superintendent of the school at Elwood, Indiana, which position she has held for fifteen years with great credit. She is highly educated, being a graduate of the State Normal.

On November 18, 1868, the subject was married to Mira Stout, of New London. She was born May 26, 1846, near Paoli, Orange county, this state. The ceremony which made them man and wife was performed in the Quaker church, according to Quaker usages. One son has been born to this union, Daniel E., born September 27, 1869. He is a graduate of the New London high school and married Ella E. Newlin. They reside in Kokomo, where he is engaged in the real estate business and is considered one of the leading young business men of the city. Both the subject and his wife have birth rights in the Quaker church, and have always borne a reputation for honesty and uprightness, being highly respected by all who know them. In 1883 Mr. Small and family moved to Grant county, where he purchased a farm and lived on the same fifteen years. He then moved to Marion and was engaged in carpenter work until 1901, since which time he has lived in Howard county.

Mrs. Small has four brothers and one sister, all living, the sister being a resident of Marion, Indiana, and the wife of John Q. Thomas. The brothers are: Edwin Stout, who lives on East Sycamore street, Kokomo, engaged in the gardening business; Albert Stout is in the undertaking business at Russiaville, Indiana; Charles is a newspaper man and lives in Georgia; Louis is a Quaker preacher living at Plainfield, this state.

Politically Mr. Small is a Prohibitionist and his influence in

this work has long been felt for good. However, he has never sought public attention or been especially active in this work. The Smalls have a substantial and nicely furnished home at 711 South Union street and he has a half interest in a feed store on Home avenue, where a good business is done, an excellent trade having been built up since the subject began this line. Mr. Small was a thorough farmer, and during his long business career has acquired a competency.

Mrs. Small has belonged to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for thirty-five years, being one of the seven noble characters who organized the society at New London, Howard county. She is still an active worker and a hearty supporter of the cause, and both she and Mr. Small hold high rank among the public-spirited, generous and kindly citizens of Kokomo.

NATHAN PICKETT.

Nathan Pickett is president of the Howard National Bank, Kokomo. There are many poor men who have good business talent. Some of them have made themselves wealthy in former years by their commercial ability, but have lost their fortune by some accident, as the incompetency or treachery of a partner in business or of a trusted employe, or a fire or flood, or sickness or financial panic overspreading the country; and some there are even who have never made a fortune, though they have the capacity for such an accomplishment, especially among the poorer classes in the old world, with whom it is impossible to obtain the means by which to start. Some again have inherited talent of a certain kind, but are too far removed from the scene where they can have any opportunity of exerting it.

But in this country, while we must acknowledge in the abstract that there are many poor men of good business capacity, yet the only "standing in evidence" to the average American of such capacity is the actual possession of wealth, or at least of a competency.

The possession of wealth alone, however, is not considered evidence of morality. For the ethical and the aesthetic we must look back of all the outward show; and it is by this scrutiny that we ascertain the character of the subject of this sketch, Nathan Pickett, to be worthy of honorable consideration in this volume. He was born October 26, 1818, in Chatham county, North Carolina, and was ten years old when his parents left that section in search of better facilities for a comfortable home. His father, William Pickett, a farmer, in the fall of 1828 moved from his Carolina home to this state, locating in Parke county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, to which he added by entering and purchase until he had in the home farm two hundred and forty acres, and he had given several of his sons one hundred and sixty acres each. He continued his residence there until his death, which occurred in August, 1837, when he was in his sixty-second year. He was a native of North Carolina, as was his wife, whose name before her marriage was Catherine Maris. She died in October, 1843, aged about sixty-two years. Both were members of the Friends church. They had four sons and four daughters, but of these the only one living is Nathan Pickett, whose name heads these paragraphs.

John Pickett, grandfather, passed the most of his life in North Carolina. He was probably of English ancestry, was a member of the Society of Friends, and died in the old North state. In his family were seven or eight children. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Pickett, Mr. Maris, was a native of that state, was a Friend and a consistent Christian.

Mr. Pickett grew to manhood in Parke county, this state, employed on the farm and attending the old-time subscription school, which was two miles distant from his home, but the most of his education he received through business habits. At the age of seventeen, on account of failing health, he quit the farm and obtained employment in a store, but he soon returned to the farm. This was in 1841. Being full of energy, however, he overworked and was compelled to quit the heavy, tedious and protracted duties of agricultural life in the "pioneer West," and he engaged in merchandising in the village of Annapolis for a period of fifteen years.

In 1878 he moved to Kokomo, where he was elected president of the Howard National Bank, which was organized and opened for business in January of that year. The charter, however, was dated in the November preceding. The duties and responsibilities of president of this bank have ever since been faithfully performed by him, who has now reached the age of ninety years and is as vigorous and active as many men at the age of sixty. He still owns the old homestead in Parke county, containing four hundred and ten acres, seven miles from Rockville, the county seat.

November 18, 1841, is the date of Mr. Pickett's union in matrimony with Harriet Emily Carter, daughter of Jehu and Lydia Thompson Carter, of Morgan county, Indiana, near Monrovia. They became the parents of two sons and eight daughters, named Louisa, Catherine, Lydia, Sarah, Jehu, Emma, Amanda, Walter, Ella and Ida. Louisa was married three times and has two children, Foster Branson and Grace Nixon being the children of the first and second husbands, respectively. Her last husband's name was Branson also; she is now a widow. Catherine died at the age of ten years. Lydia became the wife of William A. Moore and was the mother of two children, of whom only Amanda is now living. Mr. Moore was a teacher for a number of years in Earlham College,

this state, and is now deceased. Sarah is now Mrs. D. T. McNeil at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where her children, Walter and Paul, attended the university. Jehu, now a traveling man, married Louisa Lindley and they reside in Wichita, Kansas. Their children are Emma and Ella. Emma, his sister, married Louis F. Hornaday and they live in Crawfordsville, this state. Amanda died at the age of twenty years. Walter married Jessie VanSickel, of Crawfordsville, and has one child named Catherine. He and his brother-in-law are in business together in that city, dealing in groceries, queensware, housefurnishing goods and stoves. Ella, twin sister of Walter, is unmarried. Ida, now deceased, became the wife of Julius Ayers and has one child named Warren.

Mrs. Harriett Emily Pickett, the first wife of the subject and mother of the above named children, departed this life May 30, 1888, in her sixty-sixth year. She was a noble woman and a member of the Society of Friends. On the 20th day of October, 1804, Mr. Pickett chose for his second wife Mrs. Catherine (Cox) Overman, widow of Charles Overman, and formerly a resident of Parke county.

In his political views Mr. Pickett is a Republican, but he has never had any taste for public office.

Now, the subject of the foregoing sketch is an example of rising to a competency by honest methods and a steady aim, perseverance and intelligent application and fidelity. When his parents settled in this state other settlers were there before him but two years. There were eight children in the family. At one time his father endeavored to buy wheat for them to make into flour, and at length succeeded in finding two bushels, which was ground, bolted by hand, and that was all the wheat flour the family had for a number of months. The staples of their table fare were corn, pork, pumpkin, milk and butter. Now, besides his finely improved farm at the

old homestead in Parke county, he has a nice property here in Kokomo, his residence being No. 140 West Sycamore street, where he is enjoying life.

THOMAS HENRY PENN.

The history of England has always been one pervaded with intense interest, especially to America, where a certain kinship is felt, for it has to do with a sterling race of people, possessing admirable qualities of heart and mind and ever vigilant to push the car of civilization up the steeps, even if the most sanguinary methods have to be resorted to, and it is of a scion of such praiseworthy people that the biographer now essays to tell in a brief life history.

Thomas Henry Penn was born in Birmingham, England, in 1857, and when a lad of seventeen years immigrated to America, first settling in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he remained one year and where he worked in the drawing department of the Great Western Railroad Company. He then engaged in the mercantile business in southern Illinois several years and then spent eight years in Chattanooga as an architect, at which he was eminently successful. In 1895 he came to Kokomo to assume the responsible position of superintendent of the Armstrong-Landon factory, in which capacity he is still identified with this company, having shown his unequalled ability as a manager of men and overseer of factory work. The factory employs twenty men and also operates lumber yards. This company does a general lumber business of a high grade; also manufactures showcases and does all kinds of interior woodwork, together with various kinds of similar work, all of which is done to order. Mr. Penn draws plans and attends to all details of the work, which is always of a first-class nature. The annual business of this

firm is about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Owing to the fact that the factory makes a specialty of hardwood products a great amount of lumber is purchased by its agents in various fields.

Mr. Penn has devoted himself exclusively to his duties and his wide experience in this line of work renders his skill and good judgment unexcelled.

The subject was united in marriage to Sadie Wilkinson, daughter of Judge W. R. Wilkinson, of Friedsville, Illinois, the wedding having occurred while the subject was a resident of the southern part of that state. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Edward, bookkeeper in the office of the Armstrong-Landon Company, Kokomo; Thomas Henry, Jr., connected with the Howard County National Bank at Kokomo; Elenor is a graduate of the Kokomo high school. The Penn family subscribes to the Presbyterian church, and no family in Kokomo is held in any higher esteem than that of Mr. Penn.

JOHN McQUISTON.

Among Howard county's representative citizens and most honored agriculturists is the aged gentleman whose name appears above. In outlining the brief life history of this prominent farmer and stock raiser it is believed that the many friends and acquaintances of this somewhat remarkable character will be delighted to know more of the elements going into his makeup and causing him to attain ultimate success, for Mr. McQuiston has for thirty-five years occupied a conspicuous place among the leading and influential men of his community, and it is a tribute to genuine worth to number him with the large and eminently respectable class of peo-

ple who, by deeds rather than by words, do so much to advance the material interests of the country and whose sympathies are always on the side of right and for whatever tends to promote the moral welfare of those with whom they associate.

John McQuiston was born in Decatur county, Indiana, January 12, 1835, the son of William and Sarah (Gullion) McQuiston. William McQuiston was left an orphan. He was brought from Tennessee to Kentucky and later to Decatur county, Indiana. Members of the Gullion family were reared upon the Ohio river. Grandfather Gullion was one of the first settlers in Switzerland county, Indiana. He married in that county but they spent the latter part of their lives in Decatur county. Grandfather Gullion was a large landowner in Switzerland county. He was a Baptist and church was held at his home for some time.

John McQuiston, our subject, was reared on the farm. He was the youngest of eleven children. He remained at home until both his parents had passed to their reward. Attending the common schools for several years, he received such education as those early times afforded, which he has since added to by home reading and by coming in contact with the world.

The domestic life of Mr. McQuiston dates from January 21, 1858, when he was united in marriage with Susan Julian, who was born in Rush county, Indiana, March 22, 1841. The Julian family is said to have been the first to settle Rush county. Mrs. McQuiston's father owned one hundred and sixty acres of good land there at one time and was known to be a man of industry and push.

When the subject and wife were married they had practically nothing in the way of earthly possessions, but they had plenty of grit and persistency, coupled with fortitude and honesty of purpose, which never fail to win when rightly applied. This they evidently did, since today they own one hundred and thirty-nine acres of land

in Liberty township, constituting one of the best farms in that section of the county, which is well worth thirteen thousand dollars. He made all of this himself unaided, which certainly shows that he has been a very active and clear-brained man.

The subject came to Howard county in October, 1873, and has made his home here ever since. His farm is well drained and well fenced and his fields are kept in a high state of productivity owing to his skill in rotating crops and other modern methods of farming. He has a modern and comfortable dwelling, which is nicely furnished. Many convenient outbuildings also stand on the place, near the tracks of the interurban railway, which gives him access to the outside world and renders his place one of the most desirable in the township.

To Mr. and Mrs. McQuiston five children have been born, as follows: Isaac, a farmer living in Liberty township; Lawrence, who is married and living on a farm in Liberty township; Simeon, a farmer in the same township; Florence is the wife of William Timothy, of Templin; Alice is the wife of Ira Gipson, whose residence is in Greentown.

The subject and wife are members of the Christian church, the latter having been an active member of the same for forty years in 1908.

In politics our subject has always been a supporter of the Republican party, having been active in local politics for many years, always using his influence to place the best men in the county offices.

Mr. and Mrs. McQuiston are among the most highly respected citizens of Liberty township, where they are well known to all classes and much liked by all who know them, for their lives have been led along even tempered and useful lines, and they are regarded as unqualifiedly upright and as advocating whatever tends to promote the moral, civic and industrial affairs of the county, and they are known

to be kind and hospitable to those whom misfortune of any kind has overtaken.

J. W. BLAKELY.

Many years have elapsed since the subject of this resume took up his residence in Howard county, and it is due entirely to his assiduous efforts and undaunted ambition that he has here gained such signal success, having begun life under none too favorable auspices and being now the owner of one of the best farms in the county, while he is held in unqualified esteem as a citizen and as a progressive and prosperous man of business.

John William Blakely was born in Franklin county, Ohio, April 10, 1847, the son of Thomas and Eliza (Blair) Blakely. Grandfather Blakely was a native of Ireland and he was brought to Ohio by his parents when but two years old. The grandfather of the former came over about 1814. The subject's grandfather died shortly after coming to this country. His widow lived where they first located the balance of her life, dying when about seventy years old. They were the parents of eight children. The early education of the father of our subject was limited, since he was compelled to work out at such work as he could obtain to help support the family. This he continued to do until he was married. He then built a small log cabin on the farm of his father-in-law. Clearing ground near by he made a farm and in time the estate of his father-in-law was divided and the land on which he had built a house, cleared and made a home, fell to one of his wife's brothers, while his wife inherited the old home house and her share of the land thereto. On this place they lived, raised their children and died, the father at the age of fifty-nine. He was a Baptist minister



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MRS. J. W. BLAKELY.

and had one charge for thirty-five years. He was a man of great influence for good in his community and exercised a strong influence for the moral tone of the locality where he lived. The mother of the subject lived until she was seventy-seven years old. They were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom grew to maturity, our subject being the fifth in order of birth.

Mr. Blakely attended the public schools in Ohio when a boy. However, he attended school but a short time, having been compelled to work out by the day, doing anything to make an honest penny, continuing this mode of living until he was twenty-three years old, at the same time assisting his father, who was practically an invalid, wherever his services were needed.

Our subject was married on January 24, 1870, to Mary Frances Teegardin, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Crume) Teegardin, natives of Ohio. Mrs. Blakely's grandfather was a captain in the army at the time of the Revolutionary war.

Four children have been born to the subject and wife as follows: Irvin, born September 8, 1872, died in 1902, leaving a widow and one child; Laura, born in October, 1876, is the wife of John W. Miller, a farmer in Howard county, being the mother of two children; Jennie Leotie died in infancy; Homer A., born in 1881, is with his father on the farm, married and has one child.

After the subject's marriage he rented a log cabin in Franklin county, Ohio, and cultivated seven acres of ground as a market garden, paying as rental ten dollars per acre in advance, working this for two years. He also worked twenty acres of grain on the shares. He afterward rented a farm in Allen county, Ohio, which farm belonged to his father-in-law. Here he farmed successfully for ten years, then came to Howard county, Indiana, in 1881 and went onto his wife's father's farm, where he has lived for twenty-seven years. At that time the farm consisted of one hundred and

seventy acres, twenty-five of which were cleared by our subject, and he had added one hundred and forty-five acres to this, expending five thousand dollars for drainage, the farm now being under a superb system of drainage. The fencing is well kept, being partly of wire and partly of wood in about equal parts. The productiveness of the soil is in fine condition as the result of the subject's skillful manipulation of the fields. He understands well the rotation of crops so as to prevent the soil becoming thin or washing. Clover is used after small grains and home fertilizers are also employed to enrich the soil. He feeds all the grain on the place that he raises and also buys other grain.

Mr. Blakely has an attractive and beautiful home, surrounded by a well kept and an artistically arranged lawn and orchard and groves, so that his place is one of the most attractive and one of the most comfortable in this part of the country. He lives four and one-half miles from Kokomo, and an interurban station is near his door. He graveled at his own expense in teams and labor, one-half mile of road leading from his home to the pike which leads to Kokomo.

Fraternally the subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been a faithful member for thirty years from the time of this writing. While he is a loyal Democrat and ever vigilant in his efforts to assist in placing the right men in local offices, he has himself never sought public office, preferring to devote his time exclusively to the work of his farm, which he has made a great success, being regarded as a model farmer by his neighbors. Mrs. Blakely is a member of the Baptist church and they are both highly respected by all who know them for their uprightness, kindness and hospitality.

HOX. NATHANIEL RICHMOND LINSDAY.

"Human life," says a distinguished writer, "is like the waves of the sea. They flash a few brief moments in the sunlight, marvels of power and beauty, and then are dashed upon the remorseless shores of death and disappear forever. As the mighty deep has rolled for ages past and chanted its sublime requiem and will continue to roll during the coming ages until time shall be no more, so will the waves of human life follow each other in countless succession until they mingle at last with the billows of eternity's boundless sea."

The passing of any human life, however humble and unknown, is sure to give rise to a pang of anguish to some heart, but when the fell destroyer knocks audibly at the door of the useful and great and removes from earthly scenes the man of honor and influence and the benefactor of his kind, it not only means bereavement to kindred and friends, but a public calamity as well. In the largest and best sense of the term the late Nathaniel Richmond Lindsay, of Kokomo, was distinctively one of the notable men of his day and generation, and as such is entitled to a conspicuous place in the annals of his city, county and state. As a citizen he was public-spirited and enterprising to an unwonted degree, as a friend and neighbor combined the qualities of head and heart that won confidence and commanded respect, and as a lawyer and jurist who had a comprehensive grasp upon the philosophy of jurisprudence and brought honor and dignity to the position he filled with such distinguished success he was easily the peer of his professional brethren of the Indiana bar. It is scarce less than a superpurgation in outlining the leading facts in his life to refer to him as a lawyer in the ordinary phraseology which meets requirements when dealing with the average member of the legal profession. He was indeed

much more than eminently successful in his legal career, as was indicated by his long, praiseworthy career at the bar and honorable course on the bench. He was a master of his profession, a leader among men distinguished for the high order of their legal ability, and his eminent attainments and ripe judgment made him an authority on all matters involving a profound knowledge of jurisprudence and vexed and intricate questions growing out of its interpretation.

Judge Linsday was a native of Canadagua county, New York, where his birth occurred on the 4th day of March, 1815. When a small child his parents moved to the wilds of Madison county, Indiana, where his father died soon after arriving in the new home of the wilderness, leaving a widow and five children to the cold charities of the world, the subject being but seven years old at the time. With no visible means of support and nothing but a decidedly unfavorable outlook Mrs. Linsday soon returned to her relatives in the East, but young Nathaniel, who was elected to remain, made his home for some time with an uncle, and during the ensuing seven or eight years endured all the hardships, privations and vicissitudes incident to life in the backwoods in those early days. Until his fifteenth year he was reared, as he said, "God only knows how." His relative being in indifferent circumstances, with a family of his own to provide for, gave scant attention to the lad and his needs, and for some time the future jurist had barely sufficient clothing to cover his body, no books, for which he early manifested a decided taste, and no advantages in the way of obtaining the education for which he so ardently longed. Later he attended for a limited period such indifferent schools as the county afforded, making up for the deficiency in proper instruction by devoting his hours of leisure to study and by eagerly pursuing what books and papers he was able to procure. He grew up strong and rugged, however, and being

naturally optimistic made the most of such opportunities as presented themselves, and in due time became not only well read and widely informed, but a leader among his young friends and associates.

Judge Linsley began the struggle of life for himself as a tiller of the soil on a rented farm in Madison county, and it was while prosecuting his agricultural labors that he was chosen justice of the peace for his township in the year 1839, three years after his marriage and setting up of a domestic establishment. He appears to have been peculiarly fitted for this minor judicial position, and it was not long until his business grew to considerable magnitude, his reputation as a man of sound judgment and eminent fairness, together with the wisdom displayed in his rulings and decisions, attracted to his court quite a few cases of more than ordinary import and interest. While holding the office of justice of the peace he conceived a strong liking for the law and the few hours he could save from his labors were devoted to a careful reading of Blackstone. His evenings also were spent in the perusal of his favorite author, and not infrequently the small hours of the morning found him eagerly poring over the pages of his much prized volume. He purchased his first copy of Blackstone with wheat which he sold at seventy-five cents a bushel in Cincinnati, and later bought such other legal works as he was able to procure, until in the course of four or five years he had accumulated quite a respectable law library. All the leisure he could possibly command was spent in the company of these books, and in due time he obtained a sound, practical knowledge of the principles of law, which, with his recognized judgment, sound common sense and eminent fairness, made him a valuable man in the community, being frequently consulted by his neighbors on vexed questions, and by his judicious advice saving not a few of them from expensive litigation.

After five years as justice of the peace and acquiring a creditable reputation in the discharge of his official duties, Mr. Lindsay decided to discontinue his other pursuits and devote his entire attention to the law. Accordingly in 1841 he opened an office in Pendleton, and it was not long until his abilities were recognized and he obtained his proportionate share of business. In 1843 he was the Whig candidate for the legislature, but by reason of the overwhelming strength of the opposing party failed of election. This canvass, which brought him prominently before the public, was the means of making him a political power among the people, and from that time on he took an active part in every campaign and was largely instrumental in formulating and directing the policies of his party in the county of Madison, besides wielding a wide influence in district and state affairs. In the winter of 1844 Judge Lindsay had the honor of attending and taking no small part in the first court held in Howard county, then the county of Richardsville. In company with Dr. Corydon Richmond, a cousin, Dr. James Barrett and Mr. Louis Snell he rode to the place where the court convened, and the first night camped on the present site of Kokomo, then a dense woods in which but a single log cabin had been erected. Having faith in the future of the town and its possibilities, each of the above gentlemen purchased a lot, and before the close of the year they had their respective cabins built and ready for occupancy. By May of the following year (1845) the men had their families domiciled, and from that time on the lives of two of them were very closely identified with the history of the town and county, one as a leading lawyer and jurist, the other as a distinguished physician, each in due season becoming prominent in the local affairs and earning a state-wide reputation in his profession. Judge Lindsay soon rose to prominent position in legal matters, and for a number of years was

the recognized head of the Howard county bar. From the time of taking up his residence in the backwoods seat of justice in 1845 until his death he never missed attending a term of court, and such was his reputation during the early years of his practice that it was frequently a race between litigants as to who should reach his office first and retain his services. In 1851 he was elected joint representative from Cass, Tipton and Howard counties, and his course in the legislature fully justified the people in the wisdom of their choice, as he became one of the leaders of his party in the house, serving on a number of important committees and taking an active and influential part in the general deliberations and debates on the floor. In conjunction with Hon. Robert Dale Owen, chairman of the committee, and others, he assisted in drafting the measure by which the interests of the women in Indiana were advanced and their property rights safeguarded, and he was also influential in bringing about needed legislation concerning the liquor traffic, which he had previously agitated and of which he was to the end of his days a bitter and unrelenting foe.

In the year 1856 Mr. Linsday was elected judge of the court of common pleas, which honorable position he held for four years, during which time he discharged his official functions in an able and satisfactory manner and won recognition among the distinguished jurists of the state. Retiring from the bench in 1860, he resumed the practice of his profession, but in 1864 was further honored by being elected judge of the judicial circuit composed of the counties of Howard, Tipton, Clinton and Grant. The duties entailed by this position were so numerous and arduous as to be burdensome. Accordingly, after holding one term of court, he resigned the bench and again took up his practice, which had steadily grown in magnitude until his legal business at the time indicated was second to that of few lawyers in the state.

The Judge was an ardent friend of the Union during the Rebellion and by his voice and influence contributed greatly to the strengthening of loyal sentiment throughout his own and other counties and inducing young men to take up arms in defense of the national honor. He traveled extensively over the country, holding meetings in school houses, churches and other places, and not infrequently made strong and thrilling appeals from his buggy while en route to his various appointments. A powerful and eloquent speaker, he never failed to interest his auditors and often stirred them to such a pitch of enthusiasm that nearly every man within hearing capable of bearing arms signed the roll of enlistment and in due time went forth to fight, perchance to die for the honor of an insulted flag. From 1866 to 1876 the Judge resided on a beautiful farm about one mile west of Kokomo, but in the latter year removed to the city in which he continued to make his home during the remainder of his life. He erected a fine, modern dwelling in one of the best residence streets, which he furnished comfortably and beautifully and which soon became a popular resort for the most cultured and refined circles of the community.

Judge Lindsay was married in the year 1836 to Rachel Shaul, of Pendleton, who departed this life after a mutually happy and prosperous wedded experience of twenty years, leaving three daughters and one son as pledges of her love and affection. Louisa, the oldest of the daughters, married Thomas J. Harrison, of Kokomo, Clementine, the second in order of birth, makes her home with Mrs. Harrison. Aaron H., the son, who served with a creditable record during the war of the Rebellion, died in 1907, leaving a widow, who, prior to her marriage, was Elizabeth Armstrong. Ella, the youngest of the family, is also deceased. Some time after the death of his first wife the Judge entered the marriage relation with Mrs. Julia Foudray, of Indianapolis, who died three years later, the union

being without issue. In 1876 he took a third wife and helpmeet in the person of Melvina Fowler, widow of Major Manning A. Fowler, of Kokomo, who survives him and is now one of the highly esteemed and popular ladies of the city. Mr. Fowler, formerly one of Kokomo's prominent men of affairs, was major of the Seventy-second Ohio Infantry in the Civil war and distinguished himself by meritorious service during the three years he was at the front.

Full of years and rich in honors, like a sheaf fully ripened, Judge Linsday, on the 15th day of May, 1885, was called from the scenes of his earthly trials and triumphs. His loss to the city where he had so long and arduously played a distinguished part in the affairs of men and where he achieved such signal success was felt as a personal loss by the entire populace. The memory of his deeds and the influence of his strong and virile personality, however will long live in the hearts of those he left behind, a monument far more enduring than graven shaft or stately obelisk.

Sufficient has been said to indicate Judge Linsday's high character and eminent success in the profession to which he devoted his life and energies. In many respects he was a great lawyer in that he had broad views of the law, a profound knowledge of its basic principles and the ability and tact to apply the same in the trial of cases, both in the local courts and the court of last resort. As a judge he brought to the bench a mind enriched by years of close study and profound research, which eminently qualified him for the duties of the position, and among lawyers and litigants as well as the public at large he was held in the highest esteem. Widely read and thoroughly informed on many subjects, he was an independent thinker and had the courage of his convictions on all matters and issues concerning which men differ and parties divide. His legal and judicial experience opened his eyes, as stated, to a number of time-honored customs in the interpretation and application of the

law which he considered weak and faulty, one of which was the requiring of the unanimous assent of a jury to arrive at a verdict, instead of a majority vote. This custom, which has come down throughout the centuries as the surest and most satisfactory way of rendering justice and subserving human rights, he looked upon as illogical, and while in the legislature he thought to remedy the matter by introducing a bill embodying his ideas, but it found little favor with the committee to which it was referred and few if any advocates besides himself on the floor. He cared little for popular measures if founded upon false or incorrect principles, but stood firmly for the right as he saw and understood the right and fearlessly assailed deep and long established prejudices at the expense sometimes of public favor and the sacrifice of personal friendships. It can truthfully be affirmed that Judge Linslay dignified every position to which called, and with a character above reproach and no stain upon his judicial ermine, "He stood alone, four square to every wind that blew," an upright, manly man of noble aims and high ideals, a progressive citizen with the welfare of his kind at heart and a splendid type of the broad-minded, virile Americanism which gives moral bone and sinew to the body politic and makes our country and its institutions among the nations of the earth. The biography of such a man as he may well serve for an example and inspiration to the youth who seriously meditate life, yet hesitate to lay the foundation for the stern realities of life which await them. He began his career under hard conditions, but with a persistence as rare as it was admirable adhered to his purpose, and in due time achieved notable success. The crude, inhospitable environments of his youth, however, were not without their compensations. The usual and persistent effort required to obtain liberal qualifications for professional pursuits, in spite of adverse surroundings, develop and strengthen the mind as labor hardens and renders flexible

the muscles. Not satisfied with existing conditions, he determined to rise above them, and to this end he lost sight of every other consideration or made it subordinate to the one object in view. Every step in his progress was the result of matured plans and well defined purposes. By his courage and energy he climbed steadily and persistently and stood firmly upon each round of the ladder until he could reach the next above and plant himself thereon. Although beginning the study of law at an age when the majority are well settled in their life work, he determined, regardless of hindrance, to master the principles of his profession and rise above mediocrity, instead of being satisfied with a mere superficial knowledge, such as so many professional men under similar circumstances are content to acquire. Whatever success he achieved during his long, strenuous and honorable career was due to careful preparation, a high sense of justice, candor as a counselor, a religious regard for the truth and courteous demeanor and gentlemanly conduct in all relations with his fellow men. As a practitioner or on the bench no charge or suspicion of any wrongdoing ever tarnished his name or marred his official record, his personal honor was never compromised and his private life was always pure and free from fault. His friendships were warm, steadfast and never without the best causes were they marred or broken, while his sterling worth made him a power for good among all with whom he came in contact.

Judge Linsday was a believer in the Bible and a profoundly religious man, who measured his life according to the high standard of excellence which he found in the personality and teachings of the Man of Nazareth. A lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a pillar in the Kokomo congregation, he contributed liberally of his means to the support of the Gospel at home and abroad and was ever ready to encourage and co-operate in all lines of religious and charitable endeavor or make any reasonable sacrifice to

advance the moral interests of the community. An uncompromising antagonist of the saloon, he strove long and earnestly to remove this plague spot from his fair city and save the young from its contaminating influences, and to him as much perhaps as to any one man is due the credit of reducing the drink evil to a minimum and inspiring a wholesome regard for law and order in the municipality. Judge Lindsay's life, though protracted beyond that of the majority, was replete with good to his fellow men, and the world was not only honored greatly but blessed by his presence and influence. He died as he had lived, at peace with his conscience and with his God, and entered the valley of shadows fearlessly, assured of the welcome awaiting him on the other side.

FREDERICK C. BULK.

It is always pleasant and profitable to contemplate the career of a man who has won a definite goal in life, whose career has been such as to command the honor and respect of his fellow citizens. Such, in brief, is the record of the well known agriculturist whose name heads this sketch, than whom a more whole-souled or popular man it would be difficult to find within the limits of Howard county, where he has long maintained his home and where he has labored not only for his own individual advancement and that of his immediate family, but also for the improvement of the entire community whose interests he has ever had at heart.

Frederick C. Bulk, who, because of his public-spirited nature, has been honored with the trusteeship of Ervin township, which position he very creditably filled for some time, was born in Westphalia, Germany, November 13, 1845, having come to America

when only ten years old. His parents, who brought him to the new world, were not contented with conditions as they found them in the East and migrated to the West, settling in Indianapolis, where the subject remained until 1867, following the draying business with much success, but having been allured by the larger inducements of the newer county of Howard he came here in the year indicated above, settling in Ervin township, buying an eighty-acre farm at sixteen dollars per acre, which he has constantly improved and added to as his fortune increased until now he has a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which ranks with the best in the county, being well tilled and so managed that the soil becomes richer from year to year, now producing more grain of all kinds than it did when he took possession of it, thus showing the occupant's great ability as a modern agriculturist. He has also erected excellent buildings on the place, which give the farm an appearance of evident thrift and prosperity of the owner. Farming has been Mr. Bulk's occupation ever since he came to this county.

Mr. Bulk was united in marriage November 23, 1870, to Dora Pohlman, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was born July 19, 1840, the daughter of highly respected and influential parents. The already pleasant home of the subject and wife has been made more cheerful and happy by the birth of the following children: Lena, Sophia, Matilda, Anna, Ida, Clara, Fred, Elsie and Alma. Lena is now the wife of William Hartman, Sophia is the wife of George Schakel, Matilda is the wife of Henry Obermyre and Mary is the wife of Harvey Selam.

All these children are examples of what wholesome home training can do toward making the youth agreeable and worthy citizens and loyal Americans. The older ones are well launched in life, having married well and enjoying a comfortable living, while the younger ones give promise of equally successful futures.

Our subject, who has always been a very busy man, was pre-

vailed upon by his neighbors and friends to accept the nomination for township trustee, which is a very important office in this township, and which he held for two terms to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He has always been a loyal Democrat and seldom loses an opportunity to assist his local friends in securing what they desire at the conventions and elections.

Mr. Bulk and family are members and generous supporters of the German Lutheran church of Ervin township, in which congregation none stand higher in general esteem than this family.

LUTHER D. PRICE.

The student interested in the history of Howard county, Indiana, does not have to carry his investigation far into its annals before learning that Luther D. Price has long been an active and leading representative of its leading agricultural interests and that his labors have proven a potent force in making this a rich agricultural region. Through several decades our subject has carried on farming, gradually improving his valuable place, and while he has prospered in this he has also found ample opportunity to assist in the material development of the county, and his co-operation has been of value for the general good.

Luther D. Price was born January 22, 1852, in Preble county, Ohio, the son of Michael Price, who was born September 24, 1828. Charles Price, grandfather of the subject, was a native of Virginia, who went to Preble county, Ohio, and settled on Price creek, having been among the pioneers of that time, the creek having been named for the family. The grandfather was a hard worker, and after securing wild land set about making a good farm of it, clear-

ing up and otherwise improving it. He married a Miss Vance, of Virginia. He died in 1842. Michael Price lived with his father in Preble county, Ohio, until 1851, when, on March 13th of that year he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Wysong, a native of Preble county, Ohio, and a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Oyler) Wysong, both natives of Virginia, and also were pioneers of Preble county. He was a mason and made brick in the early days. He died in Preble county, as did also his wife. Michael Price, the father of our subject, came to Howard county, Indiana, in 1858, settling in section 31 Ervin township, having secured eighty acres of wild land, being compelled to clear a place on which to build his slab shanty, which had no windows or floor. Later he built a log cabin and added eighty acres more to his farm, clearing much of the land and making modern improvements in general. He was always a hard-working man and successful. He was also a blacksmith by trade and was regarded as a very skillful one. He was well known in his community. He was a Democrat but never aspired to office. He was a member of the Dunkard church. His first wife died in 1876 and he married a second time, his last wife being Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, a widow, of Ohio, who is still living at this writing (1908). Michael Price died August 30, 1909. The following children were all born to Michael Price by his first wife: Luther D., our subject; William Leander, who was born September 17, 1853, is a physician living in Indianapolis; Mary Catherine was born September 6, 1855, and is the wife of Nathan Peters, of New Lebanon, Ohio; Rebecca was born December 23, 1857, and died February 1, 1861; Levi Alexander was born March 10, 1861, and died February 14, 1907. He was a farmer and married Evelyn Rinehart; Oretta, the sixth child, was born July 19, 1863, and married Charles Null, of Kokomo, Indiana; Asa V., who was born August 6, 1865, is now a farmer in Towner county, South Dakota, who married Alice Hurtil.

Luther D. Price, our subject, was educated in the common schools and lived at home until he reached the age of twenty-two. He was married on July 26, 1874, to Elizabeth Miller, a native of Ohio, daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Brubaker) Miller, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ohio. Peter Miller was a young man when he came to America and settled in Ohio, where he married. In 1854 he came to Howard county, Indiana, and secured eighty acres of wild land in section 20, Ervin township. He added to this until he had a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He cleared this himself and soon had a comfortable home. He was also a wagonmaker by trade and was considered a fine workman. He was a Republican and a member of the Dunkard church. His first wife died in 1868 and he married a second time, his last wife being Catherine Woods, who died September 30, 1907. Peter Miller died in August, 1897. He had eight children by his first wife, namely: John B., who died May 6, 1908, was a teacher and farmer of Ervin township, this county; Mary Phoebe is the wife of Noah Whistler, of Kokomo, Indiana; Elizabeth, the subject's wife; Harry C., a physician living in Greentown, Indiana; Sarah, deceased; Daniel owns the old homestead in Ervin township; George died June 24, 1907, at his late residence in Kokomo. He was county superintendent of schools, a prominent man and a well known teacher; Lydia, the eighth child, is the wife of Alonzo Simmons, of Kokomo.

Four children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Armanda E. is the wife of Ora Wagner, living in North Dakota on a farm. They have one child, Winfred; Pearl May is the wife of Charles Mason, a farmer living in Ervin township, this county. They have three sons, namely, Orvil, Claude and Glen; Charles C., the third child of the subject, is connected with the Citizens' Bank at Kokomo. He married Grace Bock; John G., the youngest child of the subject, is living at home. These children

were all well educated. Charles C. went to school two terms at Marion and two at Danville and also at North Manchester. He taught several terms.

After his marriage our subject farmed for two years in Monroe township, Howard county, and then went to Carroll county, where he remained for four years, then returned to Howard county, locating in Ervin township, and in March, 1901, he bought the old place where he now lives, consisting of eighty acres, all of which are under a high state of cultivation with the exception of about eight acres. He raises all kinds of grain and the place is well improved and kept up to the standard of Howard county's best farms. He also devotes much time to his stock, always keeping an excellent variety of Shorthorn and Jersey cattle. He also owns a fine stallion named Pat and he raises some good horses. He has a comfortable and nicely furnished residence and numerous convenient out-buildings. He has always been a farmer, and a first-class one, too, as the fine appearance of his farm would indicate at a glance.

Mr. Price has never aspired for any public office, but his support can always be depended upon in the furthering of any movement looking to the development of his community in any way. He is a member of the German Baptist (Dunkard) church and he has a host of warm friends as a result of his friendly disposition, his honesty and industry.

EDWARD SWEENEY.

Edward Sweeney is a name known to every one who has the slightest acquaintance with the business history of Kokomo and Howard county. During his active life he filled a large place in the

industrial affairs of the city, and as an energetic, enterprising and far-sighted man whose judgment and discretion were seldom at fault and whose influence made for the substantial upbuilding of the community he earned a reputation second to none of his contemporaries. Mr. Sweeney was born at Salamanca, New York, June 12, 1850, and spent his early life in his native place, receiving his education in the public schools. By reason of a change in the domestic affairs of the family, caused by his father's second marriage, the lad at the tender age of eleven years left the parental roof to carve his own way through the world, going first to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he made his home with an aunt and turned his hands to various kinds of employment. When about sixteen years old he assisted in drilling gas and oil wells, and finding the work to his taste soon began the business upon his own responsibility in the Ohio field, operating for some time near Lima and Findlay, where he drilled a number of wells and met with encouraging success. Later he became a leading promoter of the oil industry, and after doing a thriving business in various parts of Ohio sank the second gas well within the limits of Kokomo, doing the work for several local parties, whose influence did much towards inducing him to make this his field of operations. Subsequently, in partnership with Harry H. Stewart, he drilled a number of wells in the Howard county field and soon established a reputation as one of the most enterprising and successful men at the business in the northern part of the state. During the year 1887-88 he operated several strings of tools and in addition to developing many producing wells in various parts of the country he drilled during the time indicated for the Plate Glass Works of Kokomo, besides carrying on his investigations in other and more remote territory.

Mr. Sweeney continued his operations as long as the Indiana field proved productive, but with the gradual decline of natural gas

he turned his attention to other lines of enterprise, purchasing an interest in the Globe Stove and Range Company of Kokomo, of which he was made president and general manager, and which under his able direction soon became one of the leading and best paying industrial enterprises in the city. While giving his personal attention to the large and important establishment he still kept up his interest in the gas and oil business, and upon the discovery of oil in Miami county transferred his operations to the Peru field, which he assisted in developing. Later he gradually withdrew from the line of work with which he had so long been identified and gave his entire attention to the building up of the stove industry in Kokomo, in addition to which he was also interested in several other concerns, having been a large stockholder in the Jenkins Plate Glass Company and an oil company at Peru, acting as receiver for the latter when it ceased to be profitable, and finally closing up the business.

Mr. Sweeney was long a power in industrial and business circles and during his residence in Kokomo did much to advance the material interests of the city and promote the welfare of the populace. He was elected to the city council, but did not take very kindly to the municipal legislation, which he found irksome and by no means to his taste. Nevertheless he discharged his duty with conscientious fidelity, which won the respect of his constituents and of the city at large.

In his young manhood Mr. Sweeney became identified with the great Democratic party and in due time achieved considerable prominence as a shrewd and farseeing politician, having been a judicious adviser in the councils of his party and an earnest worker and able leader in a number of hotly contested campaigns. In later years he gradually discontinued active political work, the better to devote his talents and energies to his large and growing business affairs. Nevertheless he always kept in close touch with the leading

issues of the day and fully abreast of the times in all that concerned the welfare of the public. While head of the important manufacturing establishment in Kokomo, with which his name is so intimately associated, he not only displayed executive ability of the highest order, but so managed the business as to retain at all times the confidence and good will of his employes, between whom and himself a mutual interest ever obtained. During the years of his active connection with the plant the most harmonious relations existed among all parties concerned, and while many other establishments suffered more or less from disturbed conditions resulting from friction between labor and capital, no dissatisfaction whatever was manifested in the stove works, and such a thing as a strike or walkout was never for a moment seriously contemplated. He made it a point to retain on the payroll all of his old employes, and many of the latter refused advantageous offers from other establishments in their desire to remain with the man who had done so much to advance their interests and make them satisfied with their lot.

Mr. Sweeney possessed a broad, inquiring mind and was keenly alive to everything that tended to improve labor conditions and benefit those upon whose shoulder fell the burden of making possible the phenomenal progress resulting from the development and success of the industrial evolution in the central and western states during the past third of a century. Although modest and unassuming and always easily approachable, he had a strong and vigorous personality and in the best sense of the term was a leader of men and well fitted to manage large and important enterprises. He was phenomenally resourceful, possessed boundless and tireless energy, and once finding the field of endeavor which challenged his mind forces he displayed that tenacity of purpose and unconquerable will power which led on to success and fortune. In the prosecution of his business interests he was bold and daring and never

hesitated to move forward, though frequently confronted by obstacles that would have discouraged many of a less determined nature. He had a genius for large undertakings, and what others would have deemed rashness was to him the safe and sure way of reaching conclusions and achieving the results which made his name familiar in business circles and gained for him the honorable reputation for which he was long distinguished among the leaders of industry in his adopted state.

Always a very busy man with large and important interests at stake, Mr. Sweeney found time to devote to healthful sport and recreation, having been a great admirer of the national game of baseball and a lover of the horse and a patron of the race track. For a number of years he kept animals of good pedigree and notable speed, and as a race starter he was quite popular on the circuits, his fairness commending him to the leading turfmen of the country and his decisions being satisfactory to all who made entries. He retained his interest in these forms of sport to the end of his days, keeping in touch with the turf throughout the entire country, and such was his liking and enthusiasm for baseball that he seldom failed to be present whenever a first-class game was played within a reasonable distance of his place of abode.

Mr. Sweeney was married in Kokomo, Indiana, to Belle Elson on November 3, 1891. She was the daughter of William B. and Florence (Garr) Elson, of Howard county, the father for many years a successful farmer but later a resident of Kokomo, where his death occurred in 1893, at the age of fifty-five years. Mrs. Sweeney was born and reared in Howard county, received her education in the city schools and is a lady of high social standing, an esteemed member of the Christian church, and is exceedingly popular in the circles in which she moves. She bore her husband one child, Harry Lambert Sweeney, who is now a bright and interesting youth of eleven years and a pupil in the schools of Kokomo.

Mr. Sweeney was born and reared a Catholic and always retained a warm feeling and abiding interest in the mother church, though by no means narrow or intolerant in his religious views. He belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he served as exalted ruler and was enthusiastic in all matters concerning the society, contributing much to its popularity and strength in the city of Kokomo. The death of this useful man and prominent, public-spirited citizen occurred on the 5th day of October, 1907, and his funeral was held under the auspices of the order with which he had long been identified and the interests of which he had long been identified and had so much at heart, being the occasion of a large gathering of his friends and fellow citizens, by whom he was sincerely mourned and greatly missed. His passing removed from the city one of its leading men of affairs and left a vacancy in the business world which it will be difficult to fill. In the widest and best sense of the term his life was a pronounced success, as he always measured up to the high standard of citizenship required by men of his stamp, served well and faithfully his day and generation, and the memory of his useful career and honorable name will long remain in the hearts and affections of those with whom his lot was cast and who was so greatly benefited by his example and influence.

MILES J. RHOADES.

As long as history endures will the American nation acknowledge its indebtedness to the heroes who between 1861 and 1865 fought for the preservation of the Union and the honor of that starry banner which has never been trailed in the dust of defeat in a single polemic struggle in which the country has been involved. Among those whose military records as valiant soldiers of the war

of Rebellion reflect lasting honor upon them and their descendants is the subject of this sketch, who is one of the honored and influential citizens of Jackson township, Howard county, Indiana, where he has long maintained his home and won an honored name by virtue of his consistency to truth, honesty and right living. Therefore he is eminently qualified for a place in the present volume.

Miles J. Rhoades was born in Randolph county, Indiana, September 28, 1841, the son of Miles and Margaret (Roe) Rhoades, both having come to Randolph county from North Carolina and entered land in the former place. The father walked from Randolph county to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to enter his land. They made the long trip from North Carolina to Indiana in a one-horse cart, the time required to make the trip being seven weeks. They came across the Blue Ridge mountains, carrying all their possessions in the cart, using this scant furniture when they began housekeeping in Indiana. Mrs. Rhoades stopped with the cart a while in Wayne county and Mr. Rhoades went ahead and entered the land. They later came to Howard county in 1860, where they spent the rest of their days, Mr. Rhoades dying in 1865 and his widow surviving until 1885. They were people of the most sterling qualities, of the true and typical pioneer type, who braved the dangers and vicissitudes of a new country under the most unfavorable advantages, but they surmounted all obstacles and established a comfortable home.

Miles J. Rhoades, our subject, was united in marriage in February, 1867, to Isabelle Orr, who was born in Ohio, but came to Peru, Indiana, when a young lady and made her home with an uncle, Oliver Macey. Later the family moved to Converse, Indiana, where Mrs. Rhoades was married and where her mother took up her residence and passed to her rest February 10, 1908. Her father, Reuben Orr, died in Ohio when Mrs. Rhoades was a child. To this union seven children were born, all of whom are living at the time of this writing. They are William, Charles, Clinton D., Jennie,

Nannie B., Frank and Pearl. They all received a common school education and are very comfortably situated in life.

Mr. Rhoades is the owner of a fine farm consisting of one hundred and twenty acres in section 1. He bought out all the heirs to this estate. This farm shows that a man of thrift, energy and sound judgment manages it, and it yields a comfortable living from year to year. The dwelling is substantial, comfortable and nicely furnished, and the outbuildings on the place are also first-class. Mr. Rhoades feeds the major part of his corn to stock on the place, always keeping a good class of live stock, being especially fond of good horses.

Feeling that it was his duty to sever home ties and do what he could in defense of his country's integrity. Mr. Rhoades enlisted in Company C, of the One Hundred and Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in 1865 and was with General Thomas at Nashville, where he received a sun-stroke which has disabled him ever since and has resulted in partial deafness. He took part in the great battle fought at Nashville between Hood's and Thomas' forces. As a result of his defective hearing he receives twenty-seven dollars pension per month. But notwithstanding this affliction our patriotic subject does not regret his service to his country.

Mr. Rhoades takes much interest in the affairs of his children. Frank, the youngest of the boys, is married to Bertha Leisure and they are the parents of one winsome child, Lola, born August 27, 1904. Frank is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Converse, Indiana, as are also his brothers, and he makes his home in Elwood. Charles P., another of the sons, lives with the subject on the farm, managing the place and assisting in the affairs of the farm in general. He is a Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, belonging to these orders at Converse.

Miles J. Rhoades is in his fraternal relations a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the lodge at Converse. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never aspired to positions of public trust at the hands of his fellow citizens; however, his support is always for the best man in the county offices, and for many years he has taken much interest in all movements looking to the betterment of his township and county. He has always led a quiet, honest and well regulated life, which has gained for him the respect of a host of admiring friends who regard him as one of the leading citizens of Howard county.

WILLIAM F. MANN.

William F. Mann, the present official engineer of Kokomo, is a son of John and Barbara Mann, the father a native of Monroe county, West Virginia, where his birth occurred on the 1st of August, 1822, the mother born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, to which part of the Old Dominion state her parents, Andrew and Barbara (Thurman) Fettle, removed many years ago from Pennsylvania. After remaining in the state of his birth until 1837, John Mann accompanied his parents upon their removal to Henry county, Indiana, where, during the ensuing thirteen years he supported himself as a farm laborer, but at the expiration of that period he came to Howard county and located on eighty acres of woodland in what is now Union township, which he had purchased a few years previous and which under his labor was in due time cleared and transformed into one of the finest farms and most attractive rural homes in that section of the country. John Mann and Barbara Fettle became husband and wife in the year 1848, two years before their re-

moyal to their new home in the backwoods of Howard county, their union being blessed with two children, a daughter by the name of Christina, who is now the wife of J. G. Brown, and William F., whose name introduces this sketch.

William F. Mann was born on the home place in Union township. As soon as old enough to be of service he was put to work in the woods and during the years that followed he did his part in clearing and developing the farm, devoting the spring, summer and fall to study in the district school not far from his home. After obtaining a good common school education he entered the Spiceland Academy where he prosecuted his studies until completing the prescribed course and graduating in 1875, following which he turned his attention to teaching and was thus engaged during the ensuing five winter seasons, spending the rest of the time reading law in the office of O'Brien & Garrigus, at Kokomo. He subsequently entered the law department of Michigan University where in due time he finished his professional course and received his degree, being graduated with a creditable record with the class of 1882. Returning to Kokomo he was nominated for county surveyor on the Republican ticket, and at the ensuing election defeated his competitor by a large majority and at the proper time entered upon the duties of his office. At the expiration of his first term he was honored by a re-nomination, his victory at the polls following on account of his fitness for the office. Since retiring from the office of county surveyor he has been continuously engaged as a civil engineer in Howard and other counties and wherever employed his professional work has been eminently satisfactory to all parties concerned.

In 1902 Mr. Mann was appointed official engineer for the city of Kokomo for a term of four years and so well did he discharge the duties of the position that he was chosen his own successor in

1906 for an additional four years' term, which he is now serving with credit to himself and justice to the public.

Mr. Mann has been an active worker in the Republican ranks. He is a Mason of high standing and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Mann has never assumed the duties and responsibilities of married life. He looked after his father's interests until the latter's death on October 22d of the year 1903, since which time he has given considerable attention to his widowed mother, to whose welfare he is devoted and whose business affairs he manages with the fidelity becoming a true and manly son. She is now living with her great-grandson on the old family homestead in Union township to which she came when the country was new and on which she has resided continuously for a period of forty-eight years.

FRANK KORBY.

It was once remarked by a celebrated moralist and biographer "that there has scarcely passed a life of which a judicious and faithful narrative would not have been useful." Believing in the truth of this opinion, expressed by one of the greatest and best of men, the writer of this review takes pleasure in presenting a few facts in the career of a gentleman who, by industry, perseverance, temperance and integrity, has worked himself from an humble station to a successful business man and won an honorable position among the well known and highly esteemed men of the city in which he resides.

Frank Korby, son of Peter and Henrietta (Schindler) Korby, was born February 1, 1877, in Floyd county, Indiana, and spent his

early life on the farm where he first saw the light of day. Like the majority of country lads, he became familiar with the duties of agriculture as soon as old enough to be of service and when not busy in the fields attended the district school of his neighborhood where he received a fair knowledge of the English branches. While still a youth he laid plans for the future and it was not long until he was enabled to carry the same into effect by entering a cigar factory at New Albany, Indiana, where in due time he became a skillful workman, besides attaining a knowledge of business which subsequently proved of great practical value when he started an establishment of his own. In casting about for a favorable location in which to engage in business upon his own responsibility, Mr. Korby was attracted to the live and enterprising city of Kokomo as possessing the requisite advantages, accordingly in September, 1897, he came to this place and at once began the manufacture and sale of cigars which he has continued with gratifying success to the present time, building up the meanwhile a large and lucrative patronage and establishing an honorable reputation as an energetic and progressive man of affairs. He is now proprietor of the leading cigar factories in the city, gives employment to a number of skilled workmen and by close attention and careful management has accumulated a comfortable competency, owning valuable real estate in the city to say nothing of personal property, his various holdings placing him in independent circumstances and giving him a place among the substantial and well-to-do citizens of the community.

Mr. Korby has gained considerable local prominence in public affairs and political circles and his interest in the same led to his appointment in 1907 to the city council to fill out the unexpired term of a former member, taking his seat on February 15th of that year as a representative of the fourth ward. As a local legislator he has demonstrated sound judgment and business ability of a high order

and since entering the body he has been miring in his efforts to advance the city's interests, serving on a number of important committees and presenting measures which have been a decided benefit to the municipality. He is a firm and loyal Republican, active and influential in the counsels of his party and familiar with the leading public questions and issues of the day on all of which he has decided opinions and the courage of his convictions.

Mr. Korby is a man of domestic tastes and has a comfortable home presided over by a lady of intelligence and gracious presence who was born July 12, 1870, in Harrison county, Indiana. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Korby was Margaret Smith, who first met her future husband in the city of New Albany where in due time their nuptials were celebrated. Mr. and Mrs. Korby have two children that have survived infancy, a son, Edgar and a daughter by the name of Lillian, both bright and interesting and adding much sunshine and happiness to the little home circle.

Mr. Korby is a member of the Cigar Makers' Union and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to organized labor, being a warm friend of the toiler and an earnest advocate of measures for his advancements. He is also identified with the fraternal orders of Red Men, Foresters, Owls and Eagles, in all of which his efforts have been influential and effective and in most of which he has been honored at different times with important official positions. In religion he was reared a Catholic and has ever been a true and loyal son of the Holy Mother church, of which body his wife is also a faithful and consistent member.

Although comparatively young Mr. Korby has come rapidly to the front and is now one of the most enterprising and highly esteemed residents of his adopted city. His industry and energy have become proverbial and though deeply immersed in business he finds time to discharge the duties of citizenship and may properly be termed a leader of the circles in which he moves.

EPHRAIM RINEHART, M. D.

The man who devotes his talents and energies to the noble work of ministering to the ill and alleviating the sufferings of humanity is pursuing a calling which in dignity, importance and beneficial results is second to no other. If true to his profession and earnest in his efforts to enlarge his sphere of usefulness, he is indeed a benefactor of his kind, for to him more than to any other man, are intrusted the safety, the comfort and in many instances the lives of those who place themselves under his care and profit by his services. It is gratifying to note in the series of personal sketches appearing in this work that there remain identified with the professional, public and civic affairs of Howard county many who are native sons of the county and who are ably maintaining the prestige of honored names. Of this number Dr. Rinehart, who is prominent among the physicians and surgeons, who is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Plevna, is one of the representative men of the county, and is regarded as standing in the front rank of her professional men, having been engaged in the noble art of medical science and surgery within her borders for many years, during which time he has not only gained wide notoriety in his chosen calling but also established a sound reputation for uprightness and noble character in all the relations of life.

Dr. Ephraim Rinehart was born in Howard county, Indiana, November 10, 1860, the son of John and Nancy (Brubaker) Rinehart, the former now deceased. They are described as people of many admirable traits and their wholesome influence has had a marked effect upon the subsequent life of our subject.

Dr. Rinehart was reared on a farm in Ervin township, having remained on the old homestead until he became of age, attending the district schools and working with his father in the meantime for

several years. Being ambitious and a close student he laid a thorough foundation for a broad education which he has subsequently availed himself of. He read medicine with Dr. Flora, of Russiaville, Indiana, and entered the Eclectic Medical school at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1803, and was graduated at the American Medical College at Indianapolis in 1806, having made a splendid record for scholarship in both institutions.

After leaving school Dr. Rinehart located in Carroll county, Indiana, remaining there two years, when, much to the regret of a large clientele he moved to Forest, Indiana, remaining there two years and building up a lucrative practice in the meantime. Desiring a broader field in which to exercise his talents he came to Indianapolis, practicing with success for some time; but there occurring an excellent opening at Russiaville, he located there, however, remaining only a short time. He located then at Plevna, December 2, 1900, where he has since remained, building up an excellent practice, in fact, the doctor is kept busy all the time not only caring for his numerous patients in that vicinity, but also often responding to important calls from outlying districts on serious cases, being called from time to time in consultation with other practitioners on serious cases, and his advice is always followed with gratifying results.

Dr. Rinehart has specialized to some extent on cancers, and he has had a wonderful success on these baffling diseases, having removed them when all others failed. He has gained much fame among the eminent medical men of the state by virtue of his phenomenal skill in handling cancer cases.

Dr. Rinehart was first married to Lydia M. Eikenberry, a representative of an old and influential family, and two bright and interesting children were born to this union, namely: Marie and Russell, ages eighteen and sixteen, respectively, in 1908.

The doctor's first wife passed to her rest in 1900, and he was again married in the fall of 1901, his second wife having been known in her maidenhood as Cora Drayer, a native of Howard county, and a woman of gracious personality and pleasing address.

The subject has always voted the Republican ticket, but has never been active in politics.

Dr. Rinehart is a pleasant gentleman, honest and upright at all times and he is not only held in high esteem for his superior professional ability but for his public-spirited nature, his wholesome private and social life, and he is fast becoming one of Howard county's most noted and influential men.

ISAAC P. DRAPER.

The prosperity and substantial welfare of a city are in a large measure due to the enterprise and wise foresight of its business men. It is progressive, wideawake men of affairs that make the real history of a community, and their influence in shaping and directing its varied interests is difficult to estimate. The well known gentleman of whom the biographer writes in this connection has long ranked among the leading business men of Kokomo, and it is to such enterprising spirits as he that the city is indebted for its recent substantial growth and for the high position it occupies as a center of industrial activity and progress. To Mr. Draper also belongs the credit of having served his country faithfully during one of the greatest wars of which history has made record and as a member of the gallant army that crushed the hosts of treason and made impossible any further recurrence of rebellion he is entitled to the respect and honor of every citizen living under the folds of the American flag.

Isaac P. Draper is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, where his birth occurred on the 24th of May, 1848, being the son of John B. and Elizabeth (Voorhees) Draper, the former born in Ohio, the latter in the Hoosier state. John B. Draper came to Indiana with his parents in an early day and settled in Sullivan county when that part of the state was on the verge of civilization. His father took up and improved a large tract of land and in due time became one of the most extensive holders of real estate in the county, the greater part of his possessions being subsequently divided among his children, each of whom received a farm. John Draper grew to maturity in Sullivan county and when a young man accepted a clerkship in the town of Sullivan, his experience as a salesman afterwards enabling him to engage in merchandising upon his own responsibility. By energy and good management, together with his ability to please his customers, he soon acquired a lucrative patronage, and in the course of a few years his business house was the largest of the kind in the town, as well as the most successful. He was identified with the commercial interests and general growth and prosperity of Sullivan for a period of fifty-four years, during which time he not only achieved marked financial success as a capable, far-seeing business man, but rose to an influential position as a public-spirited citizen who ever had at heart the advancement of the community and welfare of his kind. He lived to see his town transformed from a mere backwoods hamlet into one of the most prosperous cities of its size in the state of Indiana, and after a long and useful career, fraught with much good to his fellow men, he departed this life on January 13, 1908, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. John Draper was married four times and became the father of sixteen children, several of whom became actively identified with their own and other communities and achieved honorable standing as citizens.

Messick Draper, a brother of John, joined the army at the

breaking out of the war with Mexico and accompanied his command to the scene of hostilities, where he participated in a number of battles, in one of which he fell pierced by a musket ball, and expired on the field.

Isaac P. Draper was five years of age when his parents left the farm and moved to Sullivan, the death of his mother four years later leaving the lad pretty much to his own resources. His advantages for obtaining an education were limited. Nevertheless he acquired a fair knowledge of the common school branches, but by far the greater part of his mental training consisted of the practical kind such as schools and colleges fail to impart. On leaving home he turned his hands to various kinds of employment until strong enough to do a man's work, when he assisted in clearing and developing a large amount of land, in this way becoming an expert in the use of an ax and crosscut saw and skilled in all manner of woodcraft. Although a mere youth at the time indicated, he grew up strong, athletic and splendidly developed, and while still young he was able to make a full hand at almost any kind of physical labor. At the age of thirteen he engaged with a manufacturer of staves, and during the ensuing three years worked in the factory and became quite proficient at the business. Meantime the national skies had been obscured by the clouds of civil war and on every hand deep interest was manifested, many young men leaving their homes to assist in crushing the rebellion and saving the Union.

At the beginning of the great conflict and for several years thereafter Mr. Draper was too young to enter the service, although exceedingly desirous of doing so, but in due time he was enabled to carry his desire into effect. On March 16, 1865, when but sixteen years of age, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, but in the following July while under orders and in the line of duty he contracted a severe

cold in the head which resulted in the loss of hearing in his right ear, the effects of this and other disabilities which followed soon after remaining through life. Notwithstanding this he saw considerable active service, principally in line of guard duty and the guarding of prisoners in transit or between Alexander, Virginia, City Point and Richmond. From April, 1865, to August following the regiment was constantly on guard and garrison duty in the states of Virginia and Indiana, and when the war closed it was mustered out of service on the 16th of the latter month, although the men did not receive their final pay until a week later.

On leaving the service Mr. Draper returned to Sullivan, where he engaged in the liquor business, which he conducted with marked success for several years, and accumulated a handsome property, the meantime becoming one of the well-to-do men of the place. Disposing of his holdings in Sullivan in 1890 he came to Kokomo, where some time previously he had bought considerable real estate, which was afterwards laid out in city lots and sold at handsome profits, the proceeds from this source alone resulting in a competency. For a short time after locating in the city Mr. Draper conducted a gents' furnishing establishment, but this not being altogether to his liking he turned his attention to the manufacture of soft and carbonated drinks, establishing the Kokomo Bottling Works, of which he still is the head, which, under his able and judicious management, has continuously grown in magnitude and importance until it is now one of the largest and most successful enterprises of the kind in the state, as may readily be inferred by the amount of business done, which has steadily increased from fifteen thousand to the present large volume of one hundred thousand dollars annually. Mr. Draper began the business alone, but in 1893 he took in as a partner his son Harry, and the same year moved to his present location, which is admirably adapted to the purpose and

which he at once began to enlarge and otherwise improve in order to meet the rapidly growing demand for his product. Still later, January 1, 1906, his second son, Frank C. Draper, was admitted to the firm, the style of which from that time on has been L. P. Draper & Sons, a name widely and favorably known in business circles throughout Indiana and other states and second to none on its commercial rating.

In the building up of this large and growing enterprise Mr. Draper has displayed ability of a very high order and as a business man he easily ranks among the most energetic and progressive in his adopted city. Industry and probity have been the chief factors in his steady advance and his position in the world of affairs is such as to reflect the highest credit upon himself and to add to the reputation of Kokomo as an important business center. Manifesting an abiding interest in the material advancement of the city, he has given his influence and assistance to all enterprises with this object in view, and he also takes an active part in promoting all worthy means and measures for the welfare of his fellow men. All in all he is a worthy representative of the sturdy, intelligent and progressive class that give stability to the body politic and character to the community, being broad-minded, with wide views of men and affairs, and a true type of the enterprising American citizen of today.

Mr. Draper on August 17th of the year 1871 was united in marriage with Jennie Earnest, of Sullivan county, daughter of Nathan and Margaret (Osborn) Earnest, both parents natives of Indiana and for many years residents of the county of Sullivan, in the soil of which their bodies now rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper have two children, Harry L. and Fred C., both rising young men of high social standing and fine business ability, and, as already indicated, members of the firm of which their father is the head.

Although deeply interested in business affairs, Mr. Draper has not been unmindful of his duties to the public, being a careful observer of the trend of events and an active participant in those affairs that relate to his own community. A Democrat in all the term implies and in touch with the leading questions and issues of the times he has never entered the political arena as an office seeker, having no taste for such a life and no use for the methods of the partisan. Fraternally he holds membership with the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 30, at Kokomo, and is also identified with the Pythian brotherhood, in which he has been honored with official positions from time to time.

FRED C. DRAPER.

Fred C. Draper, member of the firm of Draper & Sons and a gentleman of influence and recognized business ability, was born August 24, 1874, in Sullivan, Indiana, being the second son of Isaac P. and Jennie Draper, whose sketch precedes this review. Mr. Draper received a good English education in the schools of his native town of Kokomo and acquired his first knowledge of practical affairs as a clerk in the Strickland Clothing House of the latter city, this experience being, in fact, the foundation of his subsequent career as an enterprising and progressive man of affairs, though he had previously intended preparing himself for the dentistry, and had already taken a course in a dental college at Indianapolis. After returning from that city he worked for a limited period in his father's place of business, but later, in the year 1906, became a partner in the concern, which relation he still sustains and in which he has worked rapidly to the front until he now oc-

cupies an important position in the establishment, besides gaining honorable recognition among the rising young men of the community.

Mr. Draper inherits many of the sterling attributes and sturdy characteristics for which his antecedents have long been distinguished, and since becoming identified with the business interests of Kokomo has made his influence felt in commercial and industrial circles, being a man of forceful personality and well fitted by nature and training to carry to successful issue large enterprises and to discharge worthily the duties of high and important trusts. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Eagles and in politics votes the Democratic ticket, though not a strict party man nor ever an aspirant for office or public honors at the hands of his fellow citizens. Personally he is quite popular, possessing as he does the amiable qualities that attract friends and win close confidences among the young men of Kokomo with whom he associates, and he is held in very high esteem.

Mr. Draper was very happily married on the 15th of January, 1902, to Ice Turner, who has borne him two children—a son, Harry, whose birth occurred July 5, 1903, and a daughter, Frances, who was born July 13th of the year 1907, the former dying in infancy.

HARRY L. DRAPER.

Harry L. Draper, the older of the two sons of Isaac P. and Jennie Draper, and one of the representative business men of Kokomo, is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, and dates his birth from the 17th day of May, 1872. He was reared in the city of his birth until the age of seventeen, attended the schools of the same

and made commendable progress in his studies. Actuated by a desire to fit himself for business life he entered in 1888 the commercial department of Notre Dame University at South Bend, where he was graduated two years later, following which he worked a short time for his father, later accepting a responsible and lucrative position with the Illinois Central Railroad, which he held with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his superiors for a period of two years, resigning in 1893. Immediately after severing his connection with the road Mr. Draper returned to Kokomo, took a third interest in his father's business, later increasing this to a half interest and assisting very materially in widening the scope of the bottling industry and adding to the honorable reputation which the establishment had already achieved. For the rapid advancement and almost phenomenal success which have characterized the Draper Bottling Works during the past five years Harry L. Draper is largely responsible, as he brought to the business a well trained mind, mature judgment and the ability to foresee with remarkable clearness and accuracy the future outcome of present action, all of which qualities enabled him to address himself to his undertaking with every assurance of success, the result being such as to more than realize his most earnest expectations. In addition to this firm he is also identified with other local interests, owning a third of the stock in the Kokomo Sanitary Milk and Ice Cream Company, an enterprise which has proven quite profitable, besides being greatly appreciated by its numerous patrons in the city and elsewhere. Mr. Draper is a Democrat but not a partisan, much less an aspirant for official honors or leadership. Nevertheless he has intelligent views relative to the issues on which men and parties divide and the courage of his convictions on the questions of the day. He takes much interest in secret fraternal and benevolent work, being a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Order of Eagles,

in all of which he stands high and wields a salutary and far-reaching influence.

In the year 1896 Mr. Draper and Maude Alexander, of Robinson, Ohio, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, the union being blessed with two children—Margaret, born June 21, 1898, and Jennette, whose birth occurred on November 21st of the year 1906. Mrs. Draper is a lady of varied culture and refinement, who received her education in the public schools and the State Normal School at Terre Haute and who previous to her marriage was one of the efficient and popular teachers of her native town. She also taught elocution and physical culture in the public schools of Danville and earned an honorable reputation for efficiency in those special lines of work.

JOHN STOUT.

The subject of this sketch is one of the substantial and well known agriculturists of Monroe township, Howard county, Indiana, where he has long maintained his home, being regarded as one of the leading farmers of this locality, his fine farm representing much hard labor, but the subject is a man of well known energy and determination in business affairs. Indolence and idleness are entirely foreign to his nature, and his continued activity in the management and development of this property has made his one of the valuable farms in this county.

John Stout was born in Clark county, Illinois, January 28, 1842, the son of Sylvanus and Rebecca (Stanfield) Stout, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Kentucky. The subject's paternal grandfather, John Stout, was also a North Carolinian, who located in Orange county, Indiana, when Sylvanus was

a small boy back in the pioneer days. They obtained wild land, which they cleared and on which they made a comfortable home and on which they lived and died, having reared eight children, as follows: Abram, who is living in Orange county, this state; Sylvanus, the subject's father; Silas, who came to Howard county in 1848; John lived and died in Orange county; William came to Howard county in 1860; Fayette lived and died in Orange county, as did also Amy and Hannah.

The subject's father grew up in Orange county and attended the common schools there. He married and went to Clark county, Illinois, in 1837, where he entered land, being one of the pioneers of that day. This land was cleared in time and a comfortable home made thereon. Selling this land in 1852 the family moved to Howard county, Indiana, and purchased eighty acres one and one-half miles north of New London. An old log house and stable were on the place at the time. Being a man of thrift, he added to his land until he had a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He was always a farmer and never aspired to public office. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the Friends church and was active in church work. Ten children were born to this family as follows: Elizabeth, Jane and Mary, all deceased; John, subject of this sketch; Amy and Rachel, both deceased; Thomas is an artist in Whitman county, Missouri; Franklin, Hannah and the youngest child are all deceased.

John Stout, our subject, attended the common schools at New London, this county, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then worked out two years, after which he rented land for about four years, then buying land, to which he has added by reason of his prosperity resulting from his industry and frugality, until he now has a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres situated in Monroe township, this county. He also owns a

fine home in New London, where he lives and has eight and one-half acres of land. He has always been a farmer and is regarded by his neighbors as one of the best in the township, keeping his place well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He is an excellent judge of all kinds of live stock. He retired in 1905 and has since lived in New London.

Our subject married in 1865 Mary Morris, a native of Jackson county, Indiana, a daughter of Joshua and Mary Morris, pioneers of Howard county. He was a merchant, farmer and stock dealer, coming to New London in 1853 and opening up a store. He died of smallpox the following year. His wife is also deceased.

Five children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Emma, the wife of Samuel Thompson, living in Kokomo, this state, and the mother of two children, Blanche and Hale; Minnie, who is living in Kokomo; Howard, who is a civil engineer, being superintendent of construction on the Northern Pacific Railroad, located at present at Pasco, Washington. He was a teacher for ten years in Indiana, Kansas and Massachusetts. He married Tessie Waddell. Morris, the fourth child of the subject, is living on the home place, which he manages. He was educated at New London. He attended Earlham College for four years and became a teacher, having graduated at the Chicago University. He studied law over two years and was admitted to practice. He is married. Blanche, the fifth child of the subject, is the wife of N. B. Thorn, of Brady, Texas. They have one son, John T.

Mr. Stout has always been a farmer and stock dealer and a hard worker, and he has been eminently successful as a result of his well directed energy and honest business methods. He started life in a small way with neither influential friends nor inherited wealth to assist him, but he has made good use of every opportunity and is eminently deserving of the success and praise he has attained.

He has never aspired for offices of trust and emolument at the hands of the public. In politics he is a Prohibitionist and he is always on the right side of every question looking to the betterment of his community, whether in moral, civic or educational lines. He is a member of the Friends church at New London and but few men in Howard county are better known or more highly respected than Mt. Stout, for his life has always been clean and his habits exemplary. He is a pleasant man to meet, always agreeable and friendly.

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THOMAS AYRES.

Distinctively one of the notable men of his day and generation in Howard county, and for many years a leader and authority in lines of endeavor requiring wide intelligence, mature judgment and a high order of business ability, it is fitting that the career of the honorable subject of this sketch be outlined in this connection and that a tribute to his worth as a citizen be accorded him. Eighty-eight years have elapsed into the inexorable past during the lifetime of our venerable subject, who wears the crown of glory befitting old age—a silvery head of hair. The period of time embraced in the life of Mr. Ayres includes the most momentous events, most phenomenal growth and development in all the annals of human history. A life of such length, however devoid of tragic event or startling feature, is not without its lessons of value, and it is hoped that the following brief outline of a protracted and useful career and the honest tribute to honest, manly worth, may be read with profit by the young man whose achievements are still to be wrought out and whose destiny is yet a matter for the future to determine.

Thomas Ayres was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, March

2, 1820, the son of Thomas and Frances (West) Ayres. The subject's father moved to Nicholas county, Kentucky. He came from Virginia to the Blue Grass state, and his wife came from one of the Carolinas. He was a man of many sterling qualities and made a gallant soldier in the Indian wars. He was called from his earthly career in Nicholas county, Kentucky, about 1837, after a busy life on the farm. William Ayres, his brother, lived in the same neighborhood.

The subject's parents reared a family composed of two sons and two daughters, the only one living in 1908 being our subject. Thomas Ayres worked on his father's farm, attending the common schools in the meantime, receiving such education as those early times afforded. In 1847 he left Kentucky and came to Rush county, Indiana. After remaining there a short time he returned to his native locality, sold the old home place and brought his widowed mother, her husband having died a short time previous, back to Indiana.

Mr. Ayres was united in marriage May 28, 1848, to Nancy Cross. She was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1826. She has proven a most praiseworthy helpmeet and worthy companion of our subject and her life has been filled with good deeds, her example having been uplifting and wholesome.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayres lived in Rush county, Indiana, until November, 1880, when they moved to Howard county. They had started life with nothing, but being industrious and energetic they accumulated from the start and in time were enabled to purchase a good farm in Rush county, where they lived in comfort for many years. Upon coming to Howard county Mr. Ayres bought one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Liberty township. This farm, which he still looks after, shows that a man of unusual insight into modern scientific agricultural methods had given it his careful

attention, having made it one of the most desirable places in the township. The dwelling and outbuildings are comfortable and substantial, having been well kept.

Seven children have been born to the subject and wife, five of whom are living in 1908, namely: Jacob, John, J. H., Mary E., Sarah I.; Minnie and Elizabeth are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayres moved to Greentown in March, 1883. He bought a square in Greentown, but later sold it. However, he still owns property in this place, also in Kokomo, in addition to his farm in Liberty township.

Mr. Ayres has not only been thrifty but he has been able to do the communities where he has lived much good by giving of his time to their advancement. Starting as he did with nothing, and having never received aid from any one, the liberal competence he has shows that he has been a man of unusual business ability and also has exercised rare soundness of judgment throughout his career, so that in the golden evening of their lives this eminently worthy and honorable couple are spending their closing days in comfort and peace as a result of the industry and thrift of their earlier years. They are loyal members of the Christian church. They are perhaps the oldest wedded couple in Howard county, having been married over sixty years—years of harmony and happiness in the highest degree.

Fraternally Mr. Ayres is a Mason and he has always tried to live up to the noble precepts set by this sublime order. Our subject was formerly a Democrat, having cast his first vote for James K. Polk, but for many years he has been a Republican. Notwithstanding the fact that he has always been popular in his community, he has never held public office, preferring to keep the even tenor of his way aside from the public gaze.

It would be hard to find within the borders of Howard county

people of more beautiful characters and more worthy of the undivided respect and esteem than Mr. and Mrs. Ayres. Their cozy and nicely furnished home in Greentown is the gathering place for numerous friends and admirers, and they are especially well liked by the young people, who delight in according them the praise due such worthy characters.

ALBERT RECKNAGEL.

The biographies of successful men are instructive as guides and incentives to those whose careers are yet to be achieved. The examples they furnish of patient purpose and consecutive endeavor strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish. The gentleman whose life story herewith is briefly set forth is a conspicuous example of one who has lived to good purpose and achieved a definite degree of success in the special sphere to which his talents and energies have been devoted. As the name indicates, Albert Recknagel is of German origin, although born and reared on American soil and a loyal citizen of the state in which he lives. His father, who also bore the name of Albert Recknagel, came to this country when a young man from his native land of Bavaria and shortly after his arrival married Barbara Buckelmueller, who was born also in Bavaria, both having settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after coming to this country, where their nuptials were afterward celebrated.

Albert Recknagel was born in the above city on December 31, 1867, and received a good education in the graded schools, this training being supplemented by a course in the Spencerian Commercial College, from which he was graduated in the year 1882. His

natural inclinations being in the direction of mechanism, he early gave free rein to the same by entering the Brand Stove Works of Milwaukee for the purpose of learning stove mounting, at which he was required to serve a four years' apprenticeship. By diligent application he soon became quite a skillful workman, and having mastered the trade within the period specified he entered the employ of the company and continued with the same until resigning his position some time later to take charge of the steel range department of the Eclipse Stove Company at Mansfield, Ohio. After remaining with the latter enterprise until 1900 he severed his connection with his employers and went to St. Louis, Missouri, where, in June of that year, he accepted the superintendency of the Artistic Enamel Works, which manufactured the Enamel steel range, a position of great responsibility and trust, calling for much more than ordinary ability and tact, to say nothing of the technical training and practical efficiency required. That Mr. Recknagel fully met these requirements and justified the company in the wisdom of his choice is indicated by the four years of faithful service he rendered the company and the high esteem in which he was held by the management and those under him.

Resigning in June, 1904, the place which he had so ably and conscientiously filled, Mr. Recknagel came to Kokomo and became superintendent of the mounting department of the Globe Stove and Range Company, which he held until January 1, 1908, when he was promoted to the higher and more responsible post of general superintendent, the duties of which he has since discharged with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the firm, his career since coming to this city presenting a series of continued successes that have won him honorable repute and high standing among the representative men of his calling throughout the country.

When a young man Mr. Recknagel not only aimed to be a

master of his craft, but to prove faithful to his employers by always making their interests his own. To these ends he has given at all times loyal and conscientious attention, and to all details of the work in his charge, which accounts for the pronounced success that has characterized his administration of the different plants where he has been engaged and for the confidence that has always obtained between himself and his superiors. At this time he is considered one of the most trusted and valuable employes of the large company with which he is identified, standing high in the confidence and esteem of the officials, while his relations with those under him have always been pleasant and agreeable and devoid of the friction that is frequently engendered in the large industrial establishments by the arbitrary manner of those intrusted with the power of management and leadership. Mr. Recknagel is a shrewd reader of human nature and a natural leader, his ability begetting confidence on the part of the employes, while his thorough mastery of his trade and familiarity with every detail of the stove business make him especially valuable as the manager of large and important interests.

Mr. Recknagel possesses strong domestic tastes and takes much pleasure in his beautiful home at No. 28 West Broadway, which is presided over by the intelligent and estimable lady whom he married in Milwaukee, and who previous to her marriage bore the name of Julia Wortkotter. She was born and reared in that city and received her educational training in Notre Dame Convent at Milwaukee, and her intelligence and culture fit her to move in the best social circles of the city in which she now lives. She, too, is of German descent and belongs to one of the well known and widely esteemed families of Milwaukee, where her people have resided for a number of years.

Mr. Recknagel takes great interest in secret fraternities and benevolent work and has attained to high standing in several or-

ders, notably the Masonic brotherhood, in which he has reached the thirty-second degree, besides holding important official stations in the intermediate branches of the order. At this time he has the honor of serving as worshipful master of Howard Lodge, No. 93, and also holds the office of scribe of the chapter, conductor of the council and the position of third guard in the commandery. His deep interest in and close study of Masonry is attested by the fact of his having attained to his present eminent standing in the order within the past two and a half years, his rapid advancement bearing evidence of his energy, faithfulness and the love he has for the most ancient and honorable of all fraternal societies. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, and manifests an abiding interest in everything that makes for its advancement, being an active and influential worker, besides holding official positions from time to time. Politically he is a Republican, but not a partisan; neither does he take a very active part in the councils of his party beyond voting his principles and defending the soundness of his opinions on the questions of the day. Personally he is affable and popular with the people of his adopted city and ready at all times to encourage and aid all laudable measures and enterprises for the general good. By a life consistent in motive and because of his many fine qualities he has earned the sincere regard of all who know him, and his success in his chosen field of endeavor bespeaks for him continued advancements and the higher sphere of usefulness in the industrial world to which in due time he will doubtless be called.

VALENTINE ARNETT.

Whether the elements of success in life are innate attributes of the individual or whether they are quickened by a process of circumstantial development, it is impossible to clearly determine. Yet

the study of a successful life, whatever the field of endeavor, is none the less interesting and profitable by reason of existence of this same uncertainty. So much in excess of those of successes are the records of failures or semi-failures, that one is constrained to attempt an analysis in either case and to determine the measure of causation in an approximate way. But in studying the life history of the well known resident and popular citizen of Liberty township, Howard county, whose name forms the caption of this article, and who is now living in retirement, we find many qualities in his make-up that always gain definite success in any career if properly directed, as his has evidently been done, which has resulted in a life of good to others as well as in a comfortable competence to himself.

Valentine Arnett was born in Wayne county, Indiana, January 24, 1845, the son of James H. and Phoebe (Baldwin) Arnett. The Arnett family, as far as is known to the present generation, is of Irish descent, the great grandfather of the subject having come from the Emerald Isle and located in Baltimore, Maryland. The father of the subject was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, September 9, 1816. When a young man he came to Indiana and settled in Wayne county where he worked for wages until he had saved enough money to purchase land, which he eventually did and became a successful farmer. He married in 1839, having lived on his farm there until 1854 when he moved to Monroe township, Howard county, where he resided many years, settling on the Collins Jones farm. In 1857 he traded his farm for a store in New London and continued in the merchandise business for a period of forty years making it a pronounced success. His death occurred October 5, 1897. He was at one time wealthy but lost considerable money at the close of the war by unfortunate dealing in hogs. Eight children were born to James H. Arnett by his first wife, four of whom are still living in 1908. He was twice married, his second wife being Mar-

tha Wiltsie, their wedding occurring in 1803. Six children were born to the second union, four of whom are living at this writing.

Valentine Arnett, our subject, attended the country schools and later the schools at New London. Having been ambitious from the start and a close student, his thirst for knowledge was not appeased until he attended Earlham College for two terms where he made a splendid record for scholarship and deportment. He was a teacher for three terms, having been very successful as an instructor. When twelve years old he entered his father's store and was a clerk there for years, during which time the trade increased rapidly.

In 1804 Mr. Arnett was united in marriage to Caroline Hollingsworth, who was born in Union county, Indiana, February 9, 1843. She received a good common school education.

In 1806 Mr. Arnett went into the woolen factory at New London, having purchased one-fourth interest in the same. His connection with this institution was a successful venture. In 1872 he moved to Kokomo, believing that here was a larger field for the exercise of his industrial talents. Here he entered the dry goods store of Robert Colt and went with him to LaPorte, Indiana, where he remained with him for three years. In the fall of 1876 he returned to Kokomo. He was later connected with Dixon & Company in the hardware business with whom he remained during the period that firm continued in business.

In all these various lines of business Mr. Arnett showed remarkable aptitude and was uniformly successful in each, being a man of inherent business ability and of pleasing address, so that his dealing with the general public was made easy and was fairly successful at all times.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnett, all of whom are now deceased except Hon. Will H. Arnett, the present efficient mayor of Kokomo.

The subject's second marriage was to Louisa Nixon, who was born in Henry county, Indiana. She came to Howard county in 1845. She was the daughter of Richard and Asenath H. Nixon. Her parents were members of the Friends church. Mrs. Arnett is one of the stockholders of the Howard county National Bank of Kokomo. Her father was one of the original stockholders of this bank, being the instigator of the institution and was its first vice-president. He died October 10, 1891, and he is remembered as a man of much business ability and of excellent traits of character.

Mr. Arnett is a loyal Republican in politics, but he has never taken a prominent part in his party's affairs. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, lodge No. 93, of Kokomo, and his daily life would indicate that he adheres strictly to the sublime precepts which this great order advocates.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnett are quiet unassuming people, hospitable and kind, and their well regulated lives and wholesome influence renders them the recipient of the friendship and good will of all who know them, and they are spending their lives in peace and serenity in their comfortable country home, one and one half miles west of Greentown, Liberty township.

WILLIAM H. HIGGINS.

William H. Higgins is a native of the great Empire state, New York, having been born at Kendall, Orleans county, October 5, 1841, the son of Henry and Hannah (Eddy) Higgins. The former was born at Williamstown, Massachusetts, and the subject's grandfather and great-grandfather were born on Cape Cod, and the name was formerly spelled Higginson, but later the "on" was dropped

from the name. The Higginsons have Puritan blood coursing through their veins, for the first members of this family were among the famous band that came to the new world in the Mayflower, some four centuries ago. The mother of our subject was born at Saratoga, New York.

William H. Higgins was reared on a farm and attended the country schools, securing a fairly good common school education.

When the dark clouds of the Rebellion hung over this country, his father, being a man of much military ability, urged his son, our subject, to enlist his services in defense of the flag. William, being small in stature, could hardly pass the required examination, but after a time he was accepted and on August 25, 1862, he enlisted in the Twelfth Independent Battery of New York Volunteers and was in the Army of the East. His father, who was then seventy years old, was a Brigadier General of the State Militia, and he raised a company in New York, but on account of his advanced age he was not permitted to go to the front. Just two years after the subject enlisted, on the same day of the month, he was captured and during the next seven months was held as prisoner by the Confederates, having been confined in three different prisons during the time, Libby, Belle's Island and Salisbury, North Carolina. During his incarceration his health was seriously depleted and he came near dying. He with many others was liberated when Sherman's army passed through that country on its famous march to the sea. He was set free February 22, 1864, and taken back to New York where he lay between life and death for some time, but he was a man of much fortitude and stoical courage and finally regained his health, his great desire being to rejoin his regiment, which he was permitted to do and had the opportunity of participating in the grand review at Washington City where all were discharged at the close of the war. Mr. Higgins then returned to his wife and baby in

New York, he having been married previous to his enlistment to Mary L. Brown, a native of the Empire state.

Four children were born to this union, three of whom are now living and have all been married.

Our subject has been in the gas business for many years, first in the East, later in Kokomo where he at present (1908) holds the position of manager of the Kokomo Gas Company, which he has acceptably held for the past twenty-four years.

Mr. Higgins is a Republican and he cast his first vote for Lincoln and during several campaigns he was one of the enthusiastic and active members of the Lincoln Club. He has never aspired to office, but at the close of the war he was elected town clerk, but not liking public office resigned the place before he had served out his full term.

Fraternally Mr. Higgins is a member of the Masonic lodge, having attained the degree of Knight Templar. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, having passed all the chairs in the same. He is treasurer of the Eagle lodge. He is also a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Kokomo.

JOE R. MYERS.

The record of the gentleman whose name introduces this article contains no exciting chapter of tragic events, but is replete with well defined purposes which carried to successful issue have won for him an influential place in business circles and high personal standing among his fellow citizens. His life work has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable methods which he has ever followed have resulted not only in gaining the

confidence of those with whom he has had dealings, but also in the building up of a large and profitable industry and the accumulation of a handsome competency.

Joe R. Myers, proprietor of the largest marble and granite works in the state, and a business man of sterling worth and honorable repute, is a native of Jasper county, Illinois, and the son of Lewis and Margaret (Shires) Myers. He was born May 9, 1875, and after spending about fifteen years in the state of his birth, accompanied his parents in 1890 to Kokomo, Indiana, where during the ensuing five years his father was engaged in the provision and meat trade. Joe R., who is the seventh in a family of eight children, received a practical education in the public schools of his native place and Kokomo, and while still quite a young man was attracted to the marble trade which in due time he decided to make his life work. After carefully considering the matter in its every detail and being convinced that Kokomo afforded a favorable opening for the business, he started in January, 1900, the establishment of which he is still proprietor and which under his judicious and capable management has grown into the largest and most prosperous concerns of the kind in the state. Although beginning in rather a modest way and in competition with other and long established firms. Mr. Myers devoted himself assiduously to the building up of his business and by consulting the tastes of his customers and keeping in stock everything in the way of monuments the public might demand, together with the most skillful artisans obtainable to do his work, it was not long until his efforts were crowned with success and he found himself on the high road to prosperity and affluence.

Mr. Myers' establishment at this time is not only the largest of the kind in Kokomo but there are few in the state which do such an extensive and profitable business, being thoroughly equipped with the most approved modern machinery for the dressing, finishing,

polishing and engraving of marble and granite and operated by cutters whose artistic abilities and practical experience have made them masters of their vocation. The lettering is all executed with pneumatic tools which are operated by compressed air, enabling the operator to perform a greater amount of work and a better class than can be accomplished by hand. One of the most convenient and serviceable features of the establishment is an immense traveling crane of fifteen tons capacity, which makes it possible to raise and put in place large blocks of marble or granite with rapidity and ease. He also owns a portable crane of a similar character for placing monuments in cemeteries. While doing everything in the line of marble and granite work Mr. Myers makes a specialty of the larger grades of monuments in which he takes high rank among his fellow dealers throughout the state, many of the finest and most artistic memorials in the cemetery at Kokomo and other cities being the result of his workmanship and skill. Neither pains nor expense are spared to make the product of his work acceptable and it is a fact worthy of note that ever since the business was started customers have been made so pleased as to render any form of dissatisfaction impossible, all contracts being fulfilled, in letter and in spirit, and in not a few instances the expectations of purchasers have been so greatly exceeded, the desire to please, together with fair and honorable methods, being among the influences that have built up the large and lucrative patronage which the establishment now commands.

A business man in the full sense of the term and making all other considerations subordinate to the successful prosecution of his chosen vocation, Mr. Myers is also public-spirited and fully in touch with means and measures for the advancement of his city and for the welfare of the populace. He is mindful of the duties he owes to the community, discharges the same as becomes a man of character

and influence and as citizen is fully abreast of the times, having decided opinions and the courage of his convictions on all the leading questions of the day. He is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the order of Ben-Hur.

On the 5th day of September, 1906, Mr. Myers united in marriage with Maude Jackson, of Howard county, the accomplished and popular daughter of Rev. Jacob H. and Emma Jackson, of Clay township, the father being a well known and successful minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and for over a quarter of a century a member of the conference within the bounds of which he still resides. Rev. Jackson served his church faithfully and effectively during the long period indicated and the various churches to which he ministered in holy things prospered greatly under his labors, and parted most regretfully with his services. After a useful and honorable career in the sacred office to which his energies and talents were so conscientiously devoted, he discontinued the work on account of ill health in the year 1900 and since that time has lived a life of retirement in the pleasant and attractive rural home in Clay township which he owns. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Kokomo and deeply interested in its various lines of religious and benevolent work. Socially they are among the most highly esteemed people in the city, possessing as each does, the qualities of head and heart that inspire respect and confidence and win warm and abiding personal friendships.

GEORGE KINGSTON.

Theories look well on paper, and have a mellifluous sound when proclaimed from the platform, but in the present rushing age the

value of things is tested by the stern rule of experience, it is the practical man who makes his influence felt and whose services and discourses are largely sought. The present is essentially an age of progress and in every line of activity the man of practical ideas is in evidence. The world of industry owes him a debt beyond estimate, and to him is due the credit of bringing to humanity, privileges and blessings, which, if simply hinted at a half century ago, would have subjected the one uttering them to the charge of harmless lunacy or perhaps brought about his incarceration in an asylum for the hopelessly insane. But times have changed as the world has moved and the wild dreams and vague chimeras of yesterday have become the familiar facts of today. To the clear brain, trained mind and skilled fingers of the wide-awake, far-seeing, practical artisans, therefore, who inaugurate these conditions and crystalize into the probable and actual, what appears to be the wildest flights of fancy or imagination, all honor be due. It is of such a one the chronicler essays to write in this connection but with little hope of rendering adequate justice to his achievements or to the usefulness accomplished in his various spheres of endeavor.

George Kingston, a native of Michigan, was born March 22, 1863, and spent his early life on a farm near the town of Ionia, where his parents, Daniel and Hannah Kingston, had settled a number of years before. Studious and of an investigating nature from his youth, he made the most of his opportunities for obtaining an education, but being unable to prosecute his studies to the extent desired, he gave free rein to his natural mechanical ability by taking up the trade of carpentry in which from the beginning he displayed much more than ordinary proficiency and skill. After working at the trade for some time under the direction of others, he began taking contracts in his native county, but impressed with the idea that a more favorable opening could be found in the West, he disposed

of his interests in Michigan and during the ensuing five years he traveled over several western states and territories, going as far as Puget Sound, Washington, where he was instrumental in establishing a lime industry, besides being employed for some time as superintendent and overseer of several large manufacturing plants.

Endowed by nature with mechanical tastes and ability of a high order and anxious to develop and cultivate the same, but being without sufficient means to take the technical training desired, Mr. Kingston did the next best thing by opening negotiations with a correspondence school under the direction of which he soon entered upon a course of mechanical, electrical and gas engineering, which being completed in due time, he was not long in securing a remunerative employment. Returning east, he finally made his way to Indiana and in 1901 came to Kokomo, where he was first employed by Ford & Donley, to make patterns for the wire drawing machinery of the new rod mill, but after a brief period with that firm, he resigned his position to start in business for himself. The same year, therefore, in which he severed his connection with his employers, he embarked in a new and, for this part of the country, an untried enterprise, namely, the manufacture of carburetors, instruments for the generating of gas from gasoline and air to be used in gas-engines, for manufacturing and other purposes. After a few months by himself he became associated with Charles L. Byrne who, to facilitate operations and enable the business to be carried on more extensively purchased the plant now occupied by the Kokomo Brass Works, which the firm fully equipped and in due time the enterprise was on a solid financial basis and more than meeting the expectations of the proprietors. Subsequently a company under the name of Byrne, Kingston & Company, was duly incorporated for the manufacture of several lines of carburetors, which had been placed on the market in addition to which all kinds of automobile acces-

sories were made, also several useful instruments and appliances which Mr. Kingston invented and for which he is fully protected by patents, the plant growing from a modest beginning until it is now the largest and most important establishment of the kind in the world.

Subsequently Mr. Kingston was instrumental in establishing a company for the manufacture of spark-coils, plugs for gas engines, ignition appliances and various other devices of his invention, the incorporation of which was effected in 1904 under the name of the Kokomo Electric Company. The capital of the concern at the present time is twenty-five thousand dollars, which has been fully paid, the stockholders being as follows: Charles T. Byrne, James F. Ryan, J. W. Johnson, J. P. Grace, George Kingston and Fay Beal, all except the first two named being citizens of Kokomo, and well known in the business and industrial circles of the city. Like the former company, this undertaking has fully realized the expectations of the promoters, and its continued success has made it one of the leading enterprises of the kind in the United States, its prospects of future growth and enlargement being in every respect most encouraging.

The original firm of Byrne & Kingston was incorporated with a capital of three thousand dollars which has since been increased to fifty thousand dollars and has paid over one hundred thousand dollars in dividends since its organization, a growth unparalled in the industrial history of Kokomo. The stockholders at this time are George Kingston, president and manager; James F. Ryan, vice-president; J. W. Johnson, secretary, and Charles E. Byrne, treasurer. The Kokomo Brass Works, with which Mr. Kingston is also identified, is the legitimate outgrowth of the manufacturing interests to which reference has been made, and is one of the successful and growing industries of the city, having a paid-up capital of

fifty thousand dollars and being managed by men of recognized ability and high standing in the business world.

In addition to the enterprises enumerated Mr. Kingston has various other business interests besides being the owner of valuable property including several desirable houses and lots in the city, to say nothing of his ample private means, all of which has been accumulated since locating in Kokomo, which place he reached with scarcely a dollar in his possession.

He has won a large and permanent place in the business circles and in the specific lines of effort to which his energies have been devoted, have given him much more than a local reputation and today his name is a familiar sound throughout the manufacturing world. As a citizen he is public-spirited and energetic, fully in sympathy with the progressive ideas of the age and ready at all times to lend his aid and influences to whatever promises to be for the best interests of the community. Few men of his age have accomplished as much and as a leader in the lines of endeavor in which he is now engaged he is destined to make greater advancement in the future and win a still larger place in the public eye.

In a fraternal way he is a Mason of high standing, in which Brotherhood he has risen to the thirty-second degree, and is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In matters political he maintains an independent stand, obeying the behests of no party or leader but supporting the policies he deems for the greatest good to the greatest number, and voting for the candidate who, in his judgment, is best qualified for the position to which he aspires. He has been signally blessed in his domestic life, having a wife and a child to whom he is devoted, and a home which to him is the dearest and most attractive spot in the world. Mrs. Kingston was formerly Mina Vincent, at Ovid, Michigan, at which place her marriage was

solemnized. Ralph, the only pledge of this union, is a bright and interesting young American citizen, whose birth occurred on December 25, 1905.

JOHN McLEAN MOULDER, M. D.

It is not always easy to discover and define the hidden forces that move a life of ceaseless activity and large professional success; little more can be done than to note their manifestation in the career of the individual under consideration. In view of this fact the life of the distinguished physician and public-spirited man of affairs whose name appears above affords a striking example of well defined purpose with the ability to make that purpose subserve not only his own ends but the good of his fellow men as well. He has long held distinctive prestige in a calling which requires for its basis sound mentality and intellectual discipline of a high order, supplemented by the rigid professional training and thorough mastery of technical knowledge with the skill to apply the same, without which one cannot hope to rise above mediocrity in ministering to human ills. In his chosen field of endeavor Dr. Moulder has achieved success such as few attain and his present eminent standing among the leading medical men of Indiana is duly recognized and appreciated not only in his own city and county but also throughout the state. In addition to his long and creditable career in one of the most useful and exacting of professions he has also proven an honorable member of the body politic; rising in the confidence and esteem of the public he has filled worthily high and important trusts and in every relation of life has never fallen below the dignity of true manhood nor in any way resorted to methods and wiles that invite criticism or censure. He is essentially a man among men, moving

as one who commands respect by innate force as well as by acquired leadership. As a citizen he easily ranks with the most influential of his county in the arena of politics where he has long been a power. His course has ever been above suspicion and those favored with an intimate acquaintance with him are profuse in their praise of his manly virtues and upright character.

Dr. John McLean Moulder is one of Indiana's native sons and it has always been to him a matter of pride to claim Howard county as his place of birth. His father, Thomas M. Moulder, also a native of the Hoosier state, was born in Parke county, but when a young man accompanied his parents in 1845 to Howard county, with the subsequent growth and development of which the remainder of his life was very closely identified. His father, John Moulder, was one of the early pioneers of Howard county and a man of considerable local prominence and influence. He was a member of the commission appointed by the governor to locate the seat of justice and select and lay out a suitable site for a court house, which duty he discharged to the satisfaction of all concerned besides being otherwise interested in the public affairs of the newly organized county. Thomas Moulder taught school for a number of years in various parts of the county, but later studied medicine and in due time became a successful physician and surgeon. Locating at Russiaville, he built up an extensive and lucrative practice, which he continued until his death in the year 1886. Eliza J. Williams, who became the wife of Thomas M. Moulder, was born in Virginia, but in the year 1844 accompanied her parents, James and Elizabeth Williams, to Howard county, Indiana, the family settling in Honey Creek township when the few pioneer clearings were but niches in the dense primeval forests. Mr. Williams was among the sturdy, honest yeomanry to whom the West is so largely indebted for its growth and prosperity, bore an active part in the development of the township

in which he located and became one of its enterprising and praiseworthy citizens. Mrs. Moulder survived her husband several years and departed this life on the 11th day of July, 1809. Thomas W. and Eliza Moulder were the parents of five children, namely: Louisa, who married Mack P. Jeter, a merchant of Russiaville; Ella, deceased; James is engaged in the mercantile business at Frankfort; Anna, wife of A. W. Fry, of Swayzee, and John McLean, of this review.

Dr. Moulder was born February 4, 1850, in Honey Creek township and spent his early life in the town of Russiaville, where his father was a resident physician and one of the representative citizens. His first educational experience was in the country district schools and the schools of his town, the training thus received being afterwards supplemented by a high school course in Kokomo and one year in the National Normal school at Lebanon, Ohio. A close and diligent student, he advanced so rapidly in his studies that at the early age of twenty he was given a position in the Kokomo public schools and during the ensuing four years he was practically at the head of the educational system of the city. He earned an honorable record as an efficient and popular teacher but not finding educational work entirely to his taste he yielded in 1873 to a desire of long standing by taking up the study of medicine which he decided to make his life work. After spending the greater part of the year in the office of Dr. Armstrong, of Kokomo, he entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis where he prosecuted his studies and researches until becoming well grounded in the principles of his profession, later becoming a student of the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with a creditable record in the year 1875.

Immediately after obtaining his degree Dr. Moulder formed a partnership with Dr. Armstrong, his former preceptor, the firm thus

constituted lasting twelve years, during which time the subject rose to a high standing in his profession and achieved more than local repute as a successful physician and skillful surgeon, he and his associate commanding the largest practice in the county and among the most extensive and lucrative in the northern part of the state. He continued the general practice with eminent professional success and financial emolument until 1895, when he began making a specialty of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and it was not long until his reputation as a skilled specialist attracted to him a large number of patients from all parts of the country, this growing and exceedingly lucrative patronage continuing unaltered to the present time.

Dr. Moulder has spared neither pains nor expense in fitting himself for the special line of practice to which he devotes his time and attention, having taken several post-graduate courses in Chicago, where, under the direction of some of the most noted specialists of the age, he acquired great efficiency and skill and in due time became not only eminently successful in his office work, but also a recognized authority upon those parts of human anatomy which have been the objects of his critical study and painstaking research. In the year 1905 he formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Dr. C. J. Adams, a graduate of the Indiana State School of Medicine, also of the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Institute and one of the rising specialists in this part of Indiana. The firm is well equipped with all the latest improvements and appliances used in the treatment of those special parts, having elegant and commodious office rooms and everything in the way of modern research that scientific ingenuity has thus far invented.

Dr. Moulder has always been a close student and having availed himself of every opportunity to widen the area of his professional knowledge and make him efficient in the practice, it is not at all surprising that his advancement has been rapid and satisfac-

tory and that he now holds such a high and honorable place among the leading physicians and surgeons in a field long noted for the high order of its medical talent. He is widely and favorably known as a general practitioner and specialist, having met in the course of his career all of the eminent men of his profession in Indiana and many of national and international repute, being on familiar terms with not a few of the distinguished leaders of medical thought and participating in their deliberations. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Society and the Howard County Medical Society, having been honored with important official positions in the last two, besides serving very acceptably for a number of years as county health officer and filling other minor posts in the line of his calling. He was appointed on the State Board of Health in 1880, and in 1891 was made assistant surgeon general of Indiana on the staff of Governor Chase, in both of which capacities he acquitted himself with credit that added to his already well established reputation as a medical man.

Dr. Moulder has not only kept in close touch with the trend of current medical thought but is also a close student of all social, political and scientific subjects, being broad-minded, full of spirit and a leader in those matters relating to the advancement of the community and welfare of his fellow men. He is a man of decided convictions on all public questions, maintains his stand with resolute firmness and has made his usefulness felt in formulating and directing political policies, as well as in various official trusts with which he has from time to time been honored. He is a Republican, not in the narrow partisan sense, but from a sense of right, believing the principles of the party to be for the best interests of the people, and having faith in the great mission which it is still destined to fulfill in American affairs. In 1885 he was elected mayor of Kokomo and held the position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public for a period of four years, during which time

the city made greater advancement than in any other period of its history as the number and magnitude of public improvements and large private enterprises that were inaugurated and carried to successful issue, abundantly indicate. It was during his incumbency that the water works were built and the electric light plant established, these with the discovery of natural gas in the Howard county field and the great influx of capital seeking investment in factories and manufacturing enterprises of various kinds, marking an era of unparalleled industrial growth and prosperity and transforming Kokomo from an ordinary inland town into one of the most flourishing and prosperous cities and great business centers of the West. As an individual and in his official capacity the doctor became a leading factor in advertising the advantages of the city abroad and inducing manufacturers to locate their plants within this highly favored section of the country, not a few enterprises attributing to his activity and influence, the success they have achieved. He has always manifested a deep interest in schools and other means for advancement and diffusion of knowledge and for a number of years served with ability and conscientious fidelity on the local board of education. The doctor is a Scottish Rite Mason and has long been an active and enthusiastic worker in this ancient and honorable fraternity, besides holding various official positions in the different branches with which identified. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Elks, while the Methodist Episcopal church of which he has been a faithful and consistent member for many years represents his religious creed.

On the 31st day of August, 1876, Dr. Moulder was united in the bonds of wedlock to Lucy O'Brien, of Hamilton county, Indiana, the accomplished and popular daughter of Hon. James and Charlotte (Lindsay) O'Brien, who were pioneers of the county of Hamilton and who became residents of Kokomo in the year 1873. James O'Brien was for many years a prominent lawyer and jurist,

having practiced in the courts of Hamilton and Howard counties and served as judge of the circuit court and state senator. Dr. and Mrs. Moulder enjoy great popularity in the social circles of Kokomo and are widely and favorably known outside the city of their residence. They hold membership with the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, in which for thirty-five years the doctor has acted as usher and for a period of twenty years has held the office of trustee in the same organization.

Few residents of Kokomo have occupied as large a place in the public eye as Dr. Moulder and no one has more worthily discharged his manifold duties or shown himself more worthy of the high esteem in which he is held than he. His life has been filled with activity and usefulness while his untiring energy and eminent ability have gained for him a conspicuous and honorable place among the distinguished medical men of the day and generation. In every sphere of endeavor in which he has taken a part, socially, politically or professionally his unpretending bearing and strict integrity have elevated him in the confidence of his fellow citizens and his influence, always powerful and salutary, is destined to continue a potential factor for substantial good long after he ceases from his labors and retires from the busy scenes in which he has so long been a prominent and effective actor.

GEORGE W. SMITH.

Conspicuous among the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of Howard county is the well known gentleman whose name forms the caption of this article. He has made his influence felt for good in his community in Liberty township, being a

man of sterling worth, whose life has been closely interwoven with the history of the community in which he resides and whose efforts have always been for the material advancement of the same, as well as for the social and moral welfare of his fellow men, and the well regulated life he has led, thereby gaining the respect and admiration of all his fellow citizens, entitle him to representation in a biographical work of the scope intended in the present work.

George W. Smith was born in Clay township, Howard county, Indiana, April 15, 1857, the son of Henry W. and Permelia (May) Smith. The Smith family came from Virginia to Kentucky and later to Indiana. Henry Smith came to Howard county in 1840, settling in Clay township, where he died after becoming owner of a large tract of land there. He was a devoted member of the Christian church.

George W. Smith, our subject, was reared on the farm and attended the country schools, but being ambitious and desirous of becoming well educated he later attended the State University, also took a course in Butler College and later entered Moore's Hill College, making a brilliant record for scholarship in each. Deciding to enter the medical profession, he went to Columbus, Ohio, attending the medical college there, but lacked one year of finishing at this place. After finishing school he purchased a drug store at Burlington, Carroll county, Indiana, and later converted this into a general store, conducting the same for ten years with marked success. He then went into business at Rossville as agent. While he was there his first wife was called to her rest. After this he conducted his father's farm until 1898, in which year he bought a stock of goods at Plevna, where he still maintains a fine and well equipped general store, which is well patronized by people from that neighborhood and remote localities. He owns the store building and a modern and nicely furnished residence at this place, all of which he has made by

his own thrift and industry. He carries as large a stock of goods as one may find in a country store, and his customers do not only receive full value for their money in purchasing his carefully selected goods, but they receive the most courteous treatment, which accounts for the fact that his trade has constantly increased. Mr. Smith is a stockholder in the Winslow Voting Machine Company of Michigan.

Mr. Smith has married a second time, his last wife having been known in the maidenhood as Belle Winslow, who came from Kansas City, Missouri, although she was born in Indiana. Her father was a well known dentist in Kokomo and her uncle, Ki Winslow, was at one time clerk of the Howard county court.

Two children have been born to the subject by his second wife. Their names are John W. and Raymond. The first named is seven years old in 1908 and he gives promise of a bright future. The second child died at the age of three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Christian church, and the former is an active member of the Prohibition party. He has a host of friends in Howard county as a result of his industry, uprightness and pleasing address, and few men are more highly respected.

SAMUEL A. BOCK.

Among those men of sterling attributes of character who have impressed their personality upon the community of their residence and have borne their full share in the upbuilding and development of Howard county, mention must not be omitted of Samuel A. Bock, of Ervin township, where he has long maintained his home and where he has exerted a strong influence for good to the entire com-

munity, being a man of upright principles and desirous to see the advancement of the community along moral, educational and material lines, at present holding an important county office.

Samuel A. Bock was born on a farm near Dayton, Ohio, March 4, 1858. His father was Daniel Bock, who was a farmer by occupation and a man of great influence in his community. The mother of the subject was Susanna (Erbangh) Bock, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. They came to Howard county, Indiana, in 1874, settling in Ervin township, where they lived and prospered until about 1898, when they retired, moving to Kokomo, where they now reside. They were the parents of seven children, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth. He came to Howard county with his parents when he was sixteen years old. He received a good education in the common schools.

The subject was married May 9, 1880, to Eliza A. Eikenberry, who was born in Clinton county, Indiana, the daughter of Isaac and Arbella Eikenberry, people of influence and high character. Five children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Bertha May, the wife of O. S. Flora; Grace M., the wife of C. C. Price; Clarence L., Daniel L., Blanche J., all children of much promise for successful and happy futures.

After the subject was married he lived on his father's farm until 1893, when he settled on the farm where he has since resided. He is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of well improved land, being well drained and under a fine system of fencing. He has skillfully rotated his crops so as to preserve the strength of the soil, and his land is as productive as any in the locality where he resides, and no farm in the county is looked after with any greater care.

Mr. Bock has long taken an active interest in public affairs and for five years was trustee of Ervin township, which official po-

sition he has filled with much credit and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was elected county commissioner in the fall of 1906 on the Republican ticket and has faithfully performed the duties of the same, using the same sound judgment and advocating the same economic and good business principles that he has exercised in the management of his own business affairs.

Owing to his loyalty to his county, his scrupulously honest dealings with his fellow men and his kind and cheerful disposition Mr. Bock has won the undivided respect and esteem of all who know him, and he is regarded by every one as being among the best and most influential citizens of Ervin township, and no more patriotic or worthy character could be found in Howard county or within the borders of the Hoosier state.

GEORGE W. SMITH.

This sterling citizen and popular business man is one of the most progressive and highly honored residents of Jackson township, Howard county, Indiana, where he maintains an excellent, modern and elegant home, the owner of one of the best, most valuable and well-nigh model farms in the locality, being influential in local affairs and his character stands unblemished, without the shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, so that to him is accorded the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem. Owing to these commendable personal traits and the fact that he is one of the brave sons of the North who offered their services and lives, if need be, in defense of the Union when its integrity was threatened, he is eminently entitled to representation in this work, which aims to give all worthy citizens of Howard county due credit for their praiseworthy lives and commendable deeds, for such men as our subject are not frequently met with, as we shall see by a study of his life.

George W. Smith was born in Vermillion county, Indiana, December 9, 1838, the son of James W. and Eliza (Pugh) Smith. The Smith family was from Ohio and the father came to Warren county, Indiana, in 1835, settling on a farm near West Lebanon. Later he went to Vermillion county. He was married when he was eighteen years old and became one of the successful farmers of the early days, being honest and sturdy. He was a great student of the Bible and a devoted member of the Church of God, in which faith he died. George Pugh, the maternal grandfather, was reared in Tennessee and Kentucky. He went from there to Illinois in an early day, and about the year 1828 came to Warren county, Indiana.

George W. Smith, our subject, was the oldest of eight children, of whom four are living in 1908, all boys. Our subject remained a member of the family circle until he was twenty-one years old, assisting in the farm work, having attended the country schools in the meantime, but his education was somewhat limited. However, he has since become a well informed man by home reading and coming in contact with the world. His father not being especially prosperous, our subject was compelled to work most of his youthful years in helping support the family. In the fall of 1859 he began to work for a farmer at the rate of fifteen dollars per month, working for one year and saving money which he invested in farm implements with which to begin farming. He commenced farming on his own account in the spring of 1861. After harvesting his crop, being of a patriotic nature and believing that it was his duty to sever home ties and defend the flag, he enlisted in Company K, of the Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in September, 1861, having joined this regiment at Lexington, Kentucky. His captain was Levin T. Miller and the first battle in which this company was engaged was at Hoosier Knob, the first battle in Kentucky. The subject, while on a foraging expedition, took part in the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, in which he was wounded in his right hand and as

a result was away from his company for some time, having been confined in the hospital at Lexington; later he was a prisoner but was soon released, having been first taken to Cincinnati, then to Indianapolis, where they were exchanged in about three months. Mr. Smith then returned to his regiment. From Danville, Kentucky, they went down the Ohio until they came to the mouth of the Cumberland river, and finally arrived at Fort Donelson in time for the second fight. From there they were sent to Nashville. Next they were engaged at Thompson's Station. The subject veteranzized. Then he took part in the engagement at Buzzard Roost. His regiment was in the Atlanta campaign, having fought at the fierce battle of Peach Tree Creek and others. The subject was in the Second Army Corps under General Joseph Hooker. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, also went to Washington City and took part in the grand review. He was mustered out at Louisville and received his pay at Indianapolis.

After his career in the army Mr. Smith returned to Warren county, Indiana. He had saved all his money. He would loan money to his comrades, buy and sell things for a profit and at the close of the war he had saved enough money to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land in Vermilion county, Illinois. He soon had the farm all paid for and began to improve and cultivate it, developing it into an excellent and highly productive farm.

Mr. Smith was married in the spring of 1867 to Julia A. Jones, who has proved a most worthy helpmeet, being a woman of culture and refinement. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Ashley R. and Nettie J., both living in this state.

Our subject sold his farm in Illinois and returned to Warren county, Indiana, in 1870, and later became the owner of eighteen hundred acres of land in that county, all well drained and well improved. J. Frank Hanly, the present governor of Indiana, did the ditching on his farm. This land is worth one hundred and

twenty-five dollars per acre, and the subject also owns five hundred and four acres in Howard county. Mr. Smith is not only a modern, progressive and up-to-date farmer, skillfully rotating his crops and handling large numbers of excellent stock of all kinds to advantage, but he has a wonderfully fertile executive brain and turns everything into money that he has to deal with. He is today worth three hundred thousand dollars. A large part of this was made in legitimate trading, for he knows the "ins and outs" of trading perhaps better than any man in Howard county, having at the same time established a reputation for square dealing. Since coming to this county in February, 1904, he has become known throughout the locality and is universally regarded as one of the foremost and leading citizens of the county.

In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican, being well grounded in his political beliefs and ever ready to lend his assistance in the furthering of his party's principles, always using his influence, which is of much weight, in local conventions and elections, standing for the best men possible in the county offices. Being possessed of a laudable ambition for political preferment and constantly sought by his political friends, who at once recognized his superior attainments, our subject was induced to serve two terms as county commissioner of Warren county, the duties of which he discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. When Governor Hanly was a candidate Mr. Smith backed him in several of his campaigns, not only lending his moral support, but financial. In 1907 the governor appointed Mr. Smith a delegate to the Farmers' National Congress, which was held at Oklahoma City, and in 1908 the governor again extended the honor to our subject, the meeting being held at Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Smith is vice president of the First National Bank at Swayzee, Indiana, and is the largest stockholder in the bank, which is capitalized at twenty-five thousand dollars. This is one of the

soundest and most popular institutions of its kind in this part of the state, largely due to the subject's prestige in the business world, for those who know him are not afraid to place their funds in any institution or enterprise with which he has any connection, knowing his unusual business ability and his clean record for integrity and uprightness. He is a member of the Church of God, having his membership in Warren county. He is a man whose word is regarded by every one who knows him best as being as good as his note. In all the relations of life he has been found faithful to every trust imposed on him and because of his sterling worth, courteous manners, liberality, public-spirited nature, pleasing address, commanding personal appearance and his honesty he has won and retained the friendship of the people of Howard county during his brief residence here, and they are unstinted in their praise of his splendid business ability and reproachless character. His home is a model of cheerfulness, refinement, hospitality and wholesome atmosphere, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith are often hosts to the best people of the country and always pleasant and kindly disposed to the less fortunate with whom they come in contact, thus meriting, winning and retaining the good will and admiration of all classes.

HON. WILL HOLLINGSWORTH ARNETT.

It is the progressive, wide-awake man of affairs that makes the real history of a community and his influence as a potential factor of the body politic is difficult to estimate. The examples such men furnish of patient purpose and steadfast integrity strongly illustrate what is in the power of each to accomplish, and there is always a full measure of satisfaction in adverting even in a casual way

to their achievements in advancing the interests of their fellow men and in giving strength and solidity to the institutions which make so much for the prosperity of the community. Such a man is the worthy subject of this sketch, and as such it is proper that a review of his career be accorded a place among the representative citizens of the city and county in which he resides. Hon. Will Hollingsworth Arnett, mayor of Kokomo, is a native of Howard county, and the son of Valentine and Caroline Arnett, both parents born in Indiana, the mother in Howard county and the father in the county of Wayne. James H. Arnett, the subject's grandfather, a North Carolinian by birth, emigrated in about 1840 to Wayne county, Indiana, where he resided until 1856, when he removed to Howard county and located near New London, where in addition to farming and stock raising he engaged in the mercantile business. He became an influential man in the community and aside from his success in business and respectable standing among his fellow men possessed certain attributes and peculiarities which made him in many respects quite a unique character, but withal he ever maintained the reputation of an exemplary and eminently praiseworthy citizen. Among his more prominent characteristics were a firmness in behalf of right and justice as he understood those terms and an inordinate fondness for colloquial discussion and debate, to indulge in which he would advocate almost any proposition whether consistent with his views and opinions or not. A member of the society of Friends and deeply read in the Scriptures on religious subjects, nothing afforded him greater satisfaction than to engage some friend or acquaintance in controversy on some obscure or debatable passage of Holy Writ, and such was his skill in maintaining the soundness of his position that in the majority of instances his adversary was obliged to acknowledge himself worsted in argument and retire crestfallen from the wordy conflict. As is well known the society

of Friends early took decided stands against all kinds of secret benevolent work and for many years would tolerate no member of these organizations in the church, with the result that many good men who found much to commend in the lodges were obliged to choose between them and the church. Now, while a Friend by birthright and devotedly attached to the faith of his fathers, Mr. Arnett deemed this arbitrary attitude of the church an unjustifiable interference with his personal rights, and having become a member of the Masonic fraternity, he refused pointedly to submit to the dictates of ecclesiastical authority. When the matter of deciding between the church or the lodge was presented to him he unhesitatingly chose the latter, and for a number of years was one of the leading members of New London, though still professing fealty to the society of Friends and practicing their principles and precepts in all of his relations with his fellow men. The antagonism between the church and secret organizations become less marked and virulent as time passed and Mr. Arnett was restored to full membership. Aside from his eccentricities and fondness for dispute, Mr. Arnett was a man of high character and sterling worth and by his activity and influence did much to advance the prosperity of his community and benefit the people in a moral way. Originally a Whig in politics he afterwards became a pronounced and uncompromising Republican and so great was his antipathy to human slavery that he disregarded the law protecting the system whenever possible and during the troublous times just preceding and during the war of the Rebellion, assisted many poor black men to escape from their masters and find freedom across the Canadian border. Like others of his kind he maintained a station on the "underground railroad" at his place, where the refugee was assured a welcome and safety until he could be assisted to the next station on the way to freedom, considering his efforts in thus thwarting the designs

of the officers of the law among the most righteous and praiseworthy acts of his life. In due time this sterling citizen and fearless advocate of justice and right was gathered to his fathers, leaving to his descendants a worthy name and a character to which the passing years have given additional luster.

Valentine Arnett, son of James H., was reared near New London. Unlike the former he finds his chief satisfaction in the sequestered ways of life, belonging to that large and eminently respectable class that in a quiet and unostentatious manner add so much to the solidity of the politic and give to American citizenship the sturdy character that has made the name and fame of our country known and honored among the nations of the world. When a young man Mr. Arnett was united in marriage to Caroline Hollingsworth, whose family were among the early settlers in the county and vicinity of New London. The only child of this excellent couple to reach maturity was Will Hollingsworth Arnett, the subject of this sketch, whose birth occurred in New London on the 26th of December, 1807, and who passed his early life in and near that village, removing with his parents to Kokomo in 1871. At the proper age he entered the city schools and after finishing the high school course pursued his studies for one year at Earlham College, previous to the latter experience spending three years in the city of LaPorte. Young Arnett's practical education began at an early age when he became clerk in a dry goods and clothing store in which capacity he continued twenty years, a fact which speaks well for his efficiency and trustworthiness as a salesman, his experience during the time indicated having had much to do in developing habits of industry and fitting him for the more responsible position of trust with which he was afterwards honored.

In the year 1905 Mr. Arnett was appointed by the late mayor Brouse to the office of city comptroller, but soon after entering upon

the duties of the position he was called to the higher and more responsible post of mayor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Brouse, which occurred October 2, 1906, just thirty-two days after the beginning of the term.

Mr. Arnett became mayor by right of official succession and taking charge of the office the day following the death of his predecessor, at once announced his intention of carrying out policies and giving the city the economical administration that had been previously planned and to which the people had been looking forward with much more than ordinary interest and expectancy. That he has succeeded in his laudable designs and fully justified the people in their expectations is fully indicated in the present condition of a municipality, practically free from debt and with a credit second to that of no other city within the confines of the entire Union.

Mr. Arnett first addressed himself to the task of reducing the indebtedness of the city, of which forty-two thousand dollars has already been paid, twenty-five thousand dollars of this sum having been paid in May, 1908, leaving Kokomo the only city in Indiana with over five thousand population free of debt. In addition to this laudable showing he has always entered into much more favorable arrangements with certain public utilities than have heretofore obtained, the contract for lighting the streets with two hundred arc lights of two thousand candle power at sixty dollars annually against the former contract of seventy dollars, being especially advantageous. In many other respects has he been mindful of the city's prosperity and at all times he has labored zealously to promote the welfare of the people materially and otherwise taking an active interest in all movements and enterprises with these objects in view, thus gaining the unbounded esteem of his fellow men and establishing an honorable reputation as an industrious public-spirited executive, who makes every other consideration subordinate to the

one desire of governing faithfully and well the municipality of which he is the official head. He is a member and trustee of the League of American Municipalities, and was recently by that body assigned the duty of preparing "A Report on a City Free From Debt." At the present time he is laboring earnestly in behalf of a city hospital without increasing the tax rate, and his efforts in this laudable enterprise are meeting with sufficient encouragement to warrant the presumption that in due time this much needed and greatly desired improvement will become an assured fact.

Mr. Arnett is a stalwart Republican and as an active and potential factor in his party, has contributed greatly to its strength in Howard county, the success of the ticket in a number of campaigns both local and general, being largely attributable to his wise counsel and judicious leadership. He has been a delegate to a number of district and state conventions to say nothing of his activity and influence in county and city bodies of this kind, all of which he invariably attends and in the deliberations of which he takes a leading part. As chairman of the Howard county Republican central committee, in which position he is now on his second term, he has rendered valuable service to the party, not only as an adviser in the planning of campaigns and the making of platforms and directing of policies, but as a worker with the rank and file also where his ability as a leader is duly recognized and appreciated.

Mr. Arnett's energetic nature and public-spirit have led him into various organizations of a fraternal and benevolent character, in all of which he has been honored with important official positions, besides contributing of his means and influence to their stability and success. He is a Mason of high standing, belonging to Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Eastern Star, holding the title of past patron in the latter branch of the order, his wife being past matron in the same. He holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, including the encampment and Rebekah degree, belongs to the Red Men, the tribe of Ben-Hur, the Haymakers, the order of Elks and the Eagles, holding, as already indicated, various official positions in these several societies and ever manifesting a lively interest in their welfare.

The domestic life of Mr. Arnett dates from 1901, on April 9th of which year was solemnized his marriage with Mary M. Reiff, of Kokomo, Indiana, the union being blessed with one child, a bright and interesting young gentleman, who bears his four years with the grace and dignity becoming one of his age and standing.

Mrs. Arnett was reared a Methodist and still adheres to that belief, being an esteemed member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, and deeply interested in all lines of benevolent and religious work under the auspices of the same. Mr. Arnett is a birth-right member of the society of Friends, has ever been loyal to the pure, simple faith in which he was reared. He keeps in close touch with all matters relating to the church, attends regularly yearly meetings and in all of his relations, business and social, demonstrates by his daily life and conversation, the beauty and value of a life in harmony with the religion of the Nazarene.

Mr. Arnett believes in getting out of life all pleasures and satisfaction there is in it. Consistent with and to this end his time is not all devoted to the monotonous routine and daily grind of business or other duties but at stated seasons he and his wife throw aside dull care and along the northern lakes, in the woods or on the sea shore, close to nature's heart, find the rest and recreation which exhilarates both body and mind and adds so much zest and joy to what might otherwise prove but a hum-drum existence. In the social life of their home city they are highly esteemed, moving as they do in the best social circles and contributing to the advancement of various interests for the intellectual improvement and moral good of their friends and associates.

JOHN ARTHUR KAUTZ.

John Arthur Kautz was born in Wabash county, Indiana, September 26, 1860, his parents being Henry Kautz and Eliza (Baker) Kautz. His father was a native of Maryland and his mother of Ohio. They came to Wabash county with their parents in an early day and married there. The father of the subject was a merchant at Andrews, Indiana, and at present he is living retired at that place. His wife, mother of the subject, died at Andrews, March 23, 1908. They were the parents of three children, two daughters and our subject. The sisters of the subject are Mary, the oldest of the family and the wife of John H. King, of Peru, Indiana; Addie, the youngest of the family, is the wife of James L. Flinn, and they reside at Montpelier, Ohio.

His boyhood was spent at Andrews, Huntington county, Indiana, whither his parents had removed in 1865. He was educated in the public schools, graduating from the high school of that town. He attended the North Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana, two summers, teaching school in the winter. At the age of twenty he entered the freshman class at Butler College, Indianapolis, from which he graduated four years later. In the succeeding year he was given the degree of Master of Arts by his alma mater, his post-graduate reading being a special course in English literature.

On May 9, 1887, Mr. Kautz, in partnership with Mr. H. E. McMonigal, purchased the Kokomo Tribune. He came immediately to this city and entered upon the conduct of the paper. On July 1, 1897, he purchased his partner's interest in the Tribune and has since been sole owner of the property and has had conduct of it in all its departments.

In the twenty-one years during which Mr. Kautz has had con-

tried of the Kokomo Tribune the paper has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity and has advanced to a position of large influence, not only in its own field but throughout the ninth congressional district of Indiana. It is known far and wide throughout the state as an unusually prosperous and influential journal. The paper had its beginning in the town of New London, in western Howard county, the first issue being under date of July 12, 1848. The name of the paper then was the Pioneer, one entirely fitting, as it was one of the earliest publications of this territory. New London was at that time the county seat and the county's most important town. Later Kokomo was made the county seat and the Pioneer, transferred to Kokomo, became the Tribune. It continued as a weekly paper until September 3, 1883, when the daily edition was started. Two editions are published daily, the farmers' rural mail edition at 7:30 in the morning and the city edition at 4 in the evening.

Mr. Kautz has been honored with the presidency of the Republican Editorial Association of Indiana, has been a delegate a number of times to the National Editorial Association and also to the Republican National Editorial Association. He served as postmaster on the appointment of President Roosevelt, and was a delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago, June 16, 1908.

He is a member of the Main Street Christian church, a Knight Templar, an Elk and a member of the Kokomo Country Club and the Kokomo Automobile Club. He has always taken a lively interest in public education and while a member of the city school board he made a visit to Andrew Carnegie and interested that philanthropist in the donation he afterwards made endowing the Kokomo Carnegie Library. He served for a time as a member of the board of trustees of Butler College, his alma mater.

Our subject was married in 1886 at Wabash, Indiana, to Inez

Gillen, a native of that place and the daughter of Dr. H. H. and Mary (Cartmell) Gillen, natives of Kentucky and early settlers of Indiana. The subject and wife are the parents of four daughters, Bernice, Cordelia, Dorothy and Kathryn, all bright and winsome.

REV. PHILIP McDADE.

The writer of biography, dealing with the personal history of men engaged in the various affairs of everyday life, occasionally finds a subject whose record commands exceptional interest and admiration and especially is this true when he has achieved more than ordinary success or made his influence felt as a leader of thought and a benefactor of his kind. The subject of this review is eminently of that class who earn the indisputable right to rank in the van of the army of progressive men and by reason of a long and strenuous career devoted to the good of his fellows and to the dissemination of the Gospel of peace throughout the world he occupies a position of wide influence and has made a name which will long live in the hearts and affections of the people.

He is not only a brave and valiant soldier under the white banner of the King of Peace but rendered gallant service in a more material warfare for when treason was rife and the safety of the government threatened, he, like thousands of other loyal sons of the North, unhesitatingly joined the forces of the national Union and in many campaigns and in not a few bloody fields of conflict, nobly and faithfully bore his part in upholding the honor of his country's flag until rebellion lay groveling with gaping wounds dealt by his and other strong and sturdy hands.

Philip McDade is a native of Washington county, Indiana, and

seventh of a family of eight children whose parents, William and Nancy (Fiddler) McDade, were born in the states of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. The father went to Kentucky when a young man and was married in Bullitt county, that state, where he lived during the balance of his lifetime. His widow came to Indiana in an early day and figured in the pioneer history of Owen and of Morgan counties. She is remembered as a most excellent and praiseworthy woman and for many years a pious and highly esteemed member of the Baptist church. She died in the latter county. The children who constituted the family of this respected couple were Elizabeth, William, Matilda, Malinda, Joseph, Reuben, Philip and Mary, the majority of whom have long been sleeping the sleep of the just.

Philip McDade, whose birth occurred on the 20th day of September, 1826, was early left an orphan from which time on he was obliged to make his own way in his native county, and during a couple of months each year he was permitted to attend the subscription schools of the county, devoting the greater part of the time, however, to hard work in the fields. After the death of his mother he labored by the month as a farm hand and while thus engaged managed to increase his scholastic knowledge by attending during winter seasons the public schools, which in the meantime had been established in Morgan county, proving an inestimable boon to the youth of the country, especially those who, like the subject, desired to advance in their studies and make the most of life's opportunities. By industry and economy young McDade succeeded in accumulating a sufficient sum of money to enable him, when a young man, to engage in business at the town of Normanda, in Tipton county, where he opened in 1855, a general store which soon gained a fairly successful patronage.

Finding mercantile life rather irksome and by no means to his

taste he disposed of his stock after a short time and, returning to Owen county, where he had formerly lived, resumed the pursuit of agriculture. Later he discontinued tilling the soil and again turned his attention to merchandising, but engaging in the grocery business which he carried on with reasonable profits until the disturbed condition in national affairs induced him to sell out that he might respond to the call for volunteers to help put down the rebellion.

Rev. McDade's military career began a number of years previous to the struggle between the North and South, having been one of the young men of his country, who in 1847 took part in the war with Mexico, enlisting that year in Company B, Fourth Indiana Infantry, under Colonel Willis A. Gorman. He accompanied his command to the southland and during the two years ensuing shared with his comrades the fortunes and vicissitudes of war in that remote country, taking part in several battles and experiencing much active service ere the stars and stripes floated triumphantly to the breeze from the hills of the Montezuma. Returning home after the restoration of peace, he settled down to the quiet pursuits of civil life and was thus engaged until the breaking out of the rebellion, when, as already stated, he again responded to his country's call and went to the front to battle for its safety. Mr. McDade was among the first in his county to tender his services to the government in its time of need, enlisting early in 1861 in Company B, Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry, which he at once accompanied to the scene of hostilities as first lieutenant where, during the four years following, he experienced all of the realities of warfare, participating in a number of hard-fought battles and so conducting himself as to earn an honorable record as a brave and gallant soldier. For meritorious service he gradually rose from the ranks to the command of his company and as captain he led his men through many trying and dangerous experiences, including the battle of Island No. 10, the siege

of Vicksburg and other engagements, besides taking part in numerous skirmishes and doing a great deal of hard marching. While at the front he became well acquainted with General Grant, between whom and himself a warm friendly feeling appears to have obtained, and he was also on familiar terms with a number of other superior officers to whom his bravery and gallantry seem to have commended him. At the expiration of his period of enlistment Mr. McDade returned home and the following year (1866) yielded to a desire of long standing by entering the ministry of the Baptist church, preaching his first sermon at the town of Quincy, Owen county. Later in the same year he was duly ordained in the county of Clinton, after which he addressed himself manfully to the duties of his sacred office, preaching during the several following years at various places in other counties, establishing churches at different points and proving a very able and successful evangelist and pastor. In due time he changed his residence to the town of Deer Creek, Carroll county, and while living there established a church at Galveston, which has grown into a large and flourishing organization, besides ministering to other congregations and doing much personal as well as public and religious work. From Deer Creek he took charge of a Mission church in the town of Rensselaer, where he labored with much acceptance for a period of three years and in 1888 removed to Monticello where the church under his able and faithful ministrations soon took on new life and became one of the strongest and most aggressive congregations of that city.

Severing his connection with the Monticello church after a successful and popular pastorate, Rev. McDade moved to Kokomo where, in a life of honorable retirement, he is spending the remainder of his days, enjoying the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens and at intervals attending to the duties of his holy calling when his services are in demand. Long one of the progressive men of

his church in northern Indiana he has contributed greatly to its strength and success in addition to which he has ever been deeply interested in general religious work, irrespective of denominational ties and ready to co-operate with orthodox ministers of whatever name or order in publishing the glorious truths of the Gospel throughout the world. A close and critical Biblical student, a forceful and logical speaker, and when married to his theme, truly eloquent, he was always popular in the pulpit and seldom failed to move his auditors by the earnestness with which he proclaimed his message. His services to the government during the dark and troublous years of rebellion were not confined to the field alone, having by his stirring words and influence induced a number of young men to enlist at the same time, providing means for the support of wives and children whose husbands and fathers were offering their lives for the country's safety.

In his political views Mr. McDade is a pronounced Republican, but by reason of the strenuous nature of his ministerial duties and other work, he has never taken a very active part in public affairs, although familiar with the leading questions of the day and deeply interested in issues concerning which men and parties are at variance. In the matter of citizenship and its duties he is and always has been an intensely loyal American with a profound respect for law and order, and an ardent love for the government for whose defense and perpetuity he gave such gallant and ungrudging service. Very naturally for one of his experience, he keeps in close touch with military matters and nothing affords him greater satisfaction than to meet with his old comrades and recount with them the stirring scenes and daring deeds of the iron days that tried men's souls and tested their endurance. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, active and influential in all matters concerning the organization and when able to be present at its sessions, acts as chap-

lain, in which capacity his services are greatly appreciated by his fellow comrades. At this time he is the only surviving veteran of the Mexican war in Howard county and one of the very few in the state, the heroes of that conflict, having in the main, answered to the final roll call and joined the great army of the silent majority.

Rev. McDade's domestic life dates from 1850 when he was united in marriage with Mrs. Lucy (Jones) Asher, daughter of Thomas and Frances (Bibie) Jones, the union terminating May 5, 1905, after a long and mutually happy wedded experience of fifty-five years. Subsequently he entered the marriage relation with his present wife, Mrs. Minerva (Wait) Dotterer, who has proven a true companion and helpmate and to whom he is indebted for the greater portion of the comfort and satisfaction which he now enjoys. Rev. McDade has no children of his own but he has always had a warm feeling for young people and an abiding interest in their welfare, many a youth through his influence has been induced to abandon the paths of sin and seek the higher life and today, not a few strong substantial God-fearing men attribute to him all of the success they have achieved together with the development of the honorable characters which have given them high standing in their respective communities. It is a matter of record and worthy of note in this connection that Mr. McDade has married more couples and baptized a greater number of candidates than any other minister in Howard county. Aside from this it is impossible to estimate the good he has done, for like the Master, he has ever been about his Father's business, devoting the best powers of his mind to the active work of saving men, and now while no longer able to prosecute his labors as in the days of his prime, he still preaches the word in his daily work and conversation, the influence of his personality and the record of his long career of usefulness constituting a sermon of surpassing power and eloquence. No man in this section of the state

has a more extensive acquaintance than he and certainly none can boast of as many devoted, admiring friends, all of whom earnestly desire and hopefully pray that his earthly life may be prolonged through many future years and that his influence for good may still grow and bless his kind.

WILLIAM W. DRINKWATER.

Faith to facts in the analyzation of the character of a citizen of the type of William W. Drinkwater is all that is required to make a biographical sketch interesting to those who have at heart the good name of the community, because it is the honorable reputation of the man of standing and affairs, more than any other consideration that gives character and stability to the body politic and makes the true glory of a city or state revered at home and respected abroad. In the broad light which things of good report ever invite, the name and character of Mr. Drinkwater stand revealed and secure and though of modest demeanor with no ambition to distinguish himself in public position or as a leader of men his career has been signally honorable and it may be studied with profit by the youth entering upon his life work.

William W. Drinkwater hails from the state so prolific in great men, having been born at Ithaca, Ohio, on April 30, 1855. His parents, Thompson and Rebecca (Murphy) Drinkwater, natives of Ohio, migrated in December, 1805, to Howard county, Indiana, and settled on a farm about five miles east of Kokomo in Howard township where the father devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death in 1875, his widow surviving him until 1890 when she too was called to her eternal reward. In connection with his

labors as a tiller of the soil Thompson Drinkwater did considerable work in the line of carpentry, which trade he learned in his native state where he became a successful contractor and also put up quite a number of buildings after his removal to Indiana.

The Drinkwater family had its origin in England and was first represented in the United States by the subject's grandparents, who came to this country a short time previous to the birth of their son Thompson and located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where the latter first saw the light of day. They belonged to the sturdy middle class of Britain which give to that land much of its strength and respectability and are remembered as a most excellent and praiseworthy couple whose lives were singularly free from fault and whose influence was always salutary.

William W. Drinkwater was about ten years of age when his parents moved to Indiana, since which time his life has been very closely identified with the counties of Howard and Miami, especially the former, throughout which he has become widely and favorably known and to the growth and development of which he has freely contributed of his time and influence. A farmer boy he was up with the lark when the vernal season demanded his labors in the field, and after the death of his father he became the bread winner of the family although but twenty years of age when this heavy responsibility fell upon his shoulders. Taking charge of the farm he addressed himself manfully to his duties and with little assistance worth mentioning so conducted the work as to provide comfortably for his mother and four sisters, during the four years they relied upon him for support. His first educational experience in the rude log cabin with puncheon floor and slab benches aroused in him an intense interest in book and study and an earnest desire for a more thorough training than could be obtained in the back-woods university, which laudable ambition he was subsequently enabled to

gratify by taking a high school course and still later becoming a student of the Northern Indiana Normal school at Valparaiso where he pursued for some time the more advanced branches of learning. While still a mere youth he became a skillful worker with tools and under the direction of his father learned to turn his mechanical ingenuity to good account in the direction of carpentry, at which trade he soon acquired more than ordinary proficiency.

His mother, re-marrying after a widowhood of four years and moving to Kokomo, Mr. Drinkwater was relieved of much of the burden and responsibility which erstwhile fell to him and subsequently he went to the city where he secured remunerative employment at his trade, meanwhile in March, 1881, he married the young lady of his choice, Emma Mills, of Preble county, Ohio, daughter of William and Margerie Mills, who moved to Howard county a number of years ago and are now living retired lives in the city of Kokomo. Immediately after his marriage Mr. Drinkwater set up his domestic establishment on a rented farm in Miami county, but at the expiration of six years purchased a place and continued to reside on the same until 1889, when he sold out and moved to Kokomo where he began dealing in real estate and in insurance and in due time became a member of the old and reliable firm of Duke Brothers & Company, taking charge of the loan department of which he still controls and in the management of which he has achieved signal success, proving an able and judicious business man and a valuable accession to the firm.

Mr. Drinkwater is a most courteous and companionable gentleman, influential in business circles and honorable and reliable in all of his dealings. He ranks among the enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the city in which he resides, manifests an active interest in whatever pertains to the progress of Howard county and co-operates with others in forwarding all measures whereby his

fellow men may be benefited. A Republican in the full measure of the term and deeply interested in the success of his party and its candidates, he has never entered the political arena as an aspirant for public honors, nor sought official position at the ballot box. Like the majority of wide-awake, enterprising men, he is a member of the ancient and honorable Brotherhood of Masonry and in his daily life endeavors to exemplify the sublime principles and precepts of the order in all of his relations with his kind. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Red Men, the Ben-Hur and the Order of Maccabees, and in religion subscribes to the Methodist Episcopal faith, belonging with his wife to the Grace church in Kokomo, which organization he has served for a period of fifteen years as treasurer.

The home life of Mr. Drinkwater has been a continued series of mutually pleasing and agreeable experiences, each member looking to the interests of the others, the father, mother and four children constituting a harmonious and altogether happy family circle. The names of the children are Mazy B., John O., Charles M., and Paul E.

GEORGE EHRMAN.

Among the representative farmers of Howard county is the subject of this sketch, who is the owner of a fine landed estate in Ervin township, and is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and energy which are sure to find their natural sequel in definite success, having always been a hard worker, a good manager and a man of economical habits, and being fortunately situated in a thriving farming community, it is no wonder that he stands today in the front rank of the agriculturists of this favored locality.

George Ehrman was born in Dolphin county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1840, the son of George and Prainey (Eschelman) Ehrman, both natives of the Keystone state. The father of the subject passed away in Shelby county, Indiana, and his mother closed the chapter of her life record in Dolphin county, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom our subject was one of the oldest members.

George Ehrman lived in Dolphin county, Pennsylvania, until he was twenty years old, working out as a farm hand. On leaving his native county he came to Shelby county, Indiana, and worked out as a farm laborer for two years, after which he rented a farm there for six years, during which time he made a comfortable living and was able to lay up a competence for the future, being thereby enabled to purchase a sixty acre farm in Mercer county, Ohio, on which he settled and lived three years, when he sold out, his farm bringing a good price after he had made extensive improvements. He came to Howard county, Indiana, in 1872, where he has remained, having purchased an eighty acre farm in Ervin township. Mr. Ehrman has been prosperous during these years of residence in this county by his able management and habits of industry and he has now a very valuable farm of two hundred and twenty acres. He has erected a number of large and substantial buildings on the place, all of which indicates thrift and prosperity as well as good management.

Mr. Ehrman was united in marriage in Shelby county, Indiana, October 23, 1862, to Margaret Beeler, who was a native of Butler county, Ohio, where she was born September 27, 1840, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Emrick) Beeler, both natives of Pennsylvania. Of a family of nine children, the wife of our subject was the sixth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Ehrman are the parents of three children, as follows: William A., county surveyor of Howard county, and a well known and useful citizen of the same;

John E., an influential farmer of Ervin township; Sarah C., who was a woman of fine traits, who became the wife of J. Rider. She was called from her earthly labors in Ervin township, September 9, 1891, when about twenty-four years old.

Mr. Ehrman takes a great deal of interest in all the township offices in Ervin township, being a public-spirited man and anxious to see his community thrive.

The subject and wife are members of Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church in Clay township, of which Mr. Ehrman has been steward and trustee for many years.

The subject has always been regarded as a man of high principles, honest in every respect and broad-minded, a man of broad charity, kindness of heart to the unfortunate and ever willing to aid in any worthy cause for the betterment of humanity or the public with which he has to deal, and he is held in high favor and the utmost respect by all who know him.

JOHN W. JESSUP.

Upon the roll of representative citizens and prominent and influential agriculturists of Taylor township, Howard county, appears the name which initiates this paragraph. Mr. Jessup has been a resident of this county since his youth and has worked his own way to a position of marked precedence in both business and political affairs, while he is held in unqualified esteem by the people of his community.

John W. Jessup was born in Howard county, February 4, 1861, the son of Jacob and Nancy (Sparks) Jessup. His grandfather and grandmother on his father's side were natives of Pennsylvania, who first moved to Ohio, later to Parke county, Indiana,



J. W. JESSUP.



Jacob Pelsner

where he owned and operated a good farm, having come to that locality seventy-seven years ago, dating back from 1908. Here he reared his children, nine in number, and spent his remaining years. He was a member of the Christian church while his wife was connected with the Methodist congregation.

Jacob Jessup, father of the subject, was the eighth child in order of birth, having been born in Ohio, June 7, 1823, being brought by his parents from that state when eight years old, to Indiana. His early education was received in the district schools of Parke county. He worked in his youth on his father's farm, assisting to make a farm and a home, working thus with his parents until his father's death when he fell heir to the home place, on which he remained for several years, when he sold out and moved to Howard county in 1852, buying a farm in Taylor township of one hundred and sixty acres, of which only seven acres were cleared. He had to make his own road to Center, where he had to purchase supplies for his family. This town was called Tampico at that time and there were but few settlers, only a small portion of the country being cleared. But our subject's father was always a man of thrift and he cleared the land gradually, assisted by our subject, also added to it as his fortune increased until he had two hundred and eighty acres. He not only cleared, but improved the farm by draining it and otherwise transforming the wild land into a first class farm, the land having originally been swampy and would scarcely raise anything of value at that time, but it is today very productive as the result of years of patient labor of Mr. Jessup. The original log house occupied the same site where the present modern, substantial and commodious dwelling now stands and the fields are well drained by tile. In addition to this our subject has an eighty-acre farm adjoining, which is under a high state of cultivation.

Ten children were born to Jacob Jessup and wife, all but one living to maturity, and seven of them have raised families. The father is a member of the Christian church and was always an active member of the same until he became too feeble to take much interest in church work. The mother of the subject was a Methodist. She passed away January 19, 1866, having been born in 1831. The father is now living with our subject. He has been twice married. He has been a very rugged man, being for many years considered the strongest man in the district. He was long an active worker in the Democratic party, but he never held office.

John W. Jessup, our subject, was born on the farm where he has since resided, aiding in his youth with the farm work and attending the district schools as occasion afforded. He worked in building up the farm until he was of age; he then rented a farm from his father and is still continuing to work the old homestead and in addition works his own farm. He has always been an extensive stock raiser, dealing in both cattle and hogs, the Poland cattle having received his attention, for the most part feeding cattle for the meat market. He feeds all the corn raised on the place and in addition buys much other corn which he feeds there. He has kept the farms under his management in a high state of productiveness through a skillful rotation of crops, raising one corn crop and one of small grain, then one of clover on the land before another crop of corn is placed on it. He uses no commercial fertilizers and he now raises larger crops than at any former period. He is of the opinion that his land can be kept perpetually up to its present state of productiveness by continuing his present system of modern farming. No more up-to-date and painstaking farmer is to be found in Howard county than our subject.

Mr. Jessup was married in 1886 to Georgia Augusta Hobson, daughter of Absalom and Martha Jane (Foster) Hobson, her

father having been a native of Indiana and her mother a native of Ohio. Robert Foster, a brother of Mrs. Jessup's mother, was a soldier in the Union army, having enlisted early in the war from Indiana and served during the entire war, having been captured and sent to Libby prison. Having been wounded in battle he never entirely recovered and he is now in a soldiers' home. There were seven children in the family of Mrs. Jessup's parents. Her father died at the age of eighty years. He was a Methodist, having long been active in that church. He was also active in politics, voting the Republican ticket. Her mother is now living at the age of seventy years in 1908. She is also a strict Methodist.

Only one child has been born to the subject and wife, Fred, whose date of birth is November 20, 1887, is a graduate of the Kokomo high school and in 1908 is in his third year at the State University, where he is making a brilliant record, being a young man with much talent and having a bright future. They are raising an adopted daughter, having taken her when five months old. She is Mr. Jessup's sister's child, whose mother died when the child was young.

Mr. Jessup is an active member of the Christian church while Mrs. Jessup subscribes to the Methodist faith. The former is an active Democrat, having been trustee of his township for two terms, handling the duties of this important office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned during the four years of his incumbency. In 1908 he was his party's nominee for re-election. He is a public-spirited man and is well and favorably known throughout the township where he resides for his honesty and uprightness in all his business dealings. He is a man of pleasing address and is known for his hospitality and kindness to the poor.

W. W. KELVIE.

Without searching for lineage in musty tomes or the less satisfactory authority of tradition it suffices to state in writing this brief sketch of a practical man and master of his craft, that his progenitors were in the broadest sense high, their influence salutary and whose characters and sterling worth have been reproduced on their descendants.

W. W. Kelvie, superintendent of the Kokomo Steel & Wire Company, and one of the leaders of industry in his adopted city, is a native of New York, and first saw the light of day on the banks of the Hudson with which beautiful and classic stream his earliest recollections are closely interwoven. He spent his boyhood on a farm near Caldwell, in the state of New Jersey, President Cleveland's birthplace, and early became proficient in tilling the soil, but when a mere youth abandoned agriculture for a vocation more to his inclinations and tastes. Leaving home at the age of seventeen, young Kelvie entered a wire mill at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of learning the trade of wire-drawing and after becoming efficient and master of every detail of the business he soon found remunerative employment, the demand for skilled artisans in the wire industry at that time being far in excess of the supply. His first position was that of foreman of a department in an establishment at Anderson and he later filled similar places in other factories, the meanwhile adding to his technical knowledge until he became an expert whose services were always in demand, and he always commanded the highest wages paid for such work.

Mr. Kelvie came to Kokomo, Indiana, in 1900 and started what has since become one of the largest and most important industries in the city, planning and superintending the erection of the plant, purchasing and placing the machinery and giving personal

attention to every detail of an establishment which under his management, is now considered one of the most successful of the kind in the West. Upon its completion he became superintendent of the plant and as such brought the industry to the highest possible efficiency and earned for himself much more than local repute as a skillful mechanic and successful manager. In addition to this connection with the wire business in Kokomo, Mr. Kevie has also been superintendent of a similar plant in Donora, Pennsylvania, besides managing for some time the Steel & Wire Company at Muncie, Indiana, to say nothing of the frequent calls for his services from other larger establishments in the leading industrial centers, all of which he was obliged to decline to build up and extend the business in his present field of operations.

In July, 1907, he resigned the superintendency of the Indiana Steel & Wire Company at Muncie to accept a similar position with the Kokomo Steel & Wire Company, which operates what is known as the North Mill Steel & Wire Works of Kokomo, and since that time he has been largely instrumental in building up the enterprise and extending the scope of its operations. This establishment employs on an average of two hundred workmen, whose payroll amounts to a large sum. From the beginning the business has grown in magnitude and importance until the name of the firm has become widely known among the leading manufacturing interests of the United States.

At this time Mr. Kevie is not only superintendent of the large and growing plant with which he is identified but is also a stockholder in the company, as he was in the former firm also. He attends strictly to his business, discharges the duties of his responsible position with conscientious fidelity and by making the company's interests his own, has earned the unbounded confidence of the officials and stockholders, besides gaining for himself a place of influence

among the manufacturers of the city as well as with the general public.

The story of Mr. Kelvie's career is interesting and instructive from almost any view and it is of little use to say that his life thus far has been signally successful and useful and that the future awaits with still greater rewards. During the twenty consecutive years which he has devoted to his trade he has met and overcome difficulties and embarrassments with undaunted heart, and moving steadily and bravely forward to a large place among the successful artisans of his craft, he has reached the reward which is sure, or almost sure to crown those who are fit and worthy to be crowned. Since becoming a resident of Kokomo, he has been not only a conspicuous figure in the industrial circles, but also in the affairs that concern the city's welfare, being interested in all lines of material advancement and an advocate and patron of enterprises that effect the social and moral good of his fellow men.

Mr. Kelvie is happily married and the father of two children, a son, Russell N., and a daughter by the name of Kathryn Elizabeth. Mrs. Kelvie was formerly Mary Braskett, of Anderson, Indiana, in which city her marriage took place.

WILLIAM C. McCUNE.

The subject of this review takes high rank among the leading business men of Kokomo, and to him as much perhaps as to any other, is the city indebted for its material growth and expansion during the past two decades. In an important and far-reaching enterprise he has been instrumental in very materially extending the territorial limits of the city and by being the means of procuring homes within the easy reach of those of moderate means, has con-

ferred favors and blessings upon a class of people who will always hold his name in the highest possible esteem. William C. McCune, dealer in real estate, loans, etc., and the head of one of the largest business enterprises of the kind in northern Indiana, was born February 11, 1858, in Warren county, Ohio, but when quite young was taken by his parents to Clinton county, that state, where he grew to maturity amid the bracing airs and rugged discipline of farm life. After completing the common school curriculum he entered the National Normal School at Lebanon, where he prosecuted his studies for one year. Afterwards he entered the University of Michigan where he finished an elective course of two years in the literary department, following which he took up the study of law in the same institution, receiving the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1893. The same year in which he finished the latter course, Mr. McCune was admitted to the bar but instead of engaging in the practice of the profession he went to Kansas during the business boom and in that state opened a real estate office in the city of Wichita, where in due time he achieved marked success in the buying, selling and trading of lands, city lots and other kinds of property.

In 1887, in partnership with other Ohio parties, he purchased several tracts of land adjoining the limits of Kokomo, Indiana, and the following year came to this city for the purpose of platting the same and putting it on the market. The company by which this enterprise was inaugurated to successful issue was known as the John Sherman Syndicate, so called in compliment to the distinguished statesman, who was a member of the concern and interested in the financial outcome of the same.

Taking personal charge of the business Mr. McCune had the land surveyed and platted as the Oakland and Mansfield additions to Kokomo, which, with several smaller additions represented an investment of thirty-five thousand dollars. In due time the lots

were disposed of at a reasonable profit and the lands originally purchased by the syndicate now afford homes for over a thousand people, all of whom were enabled to obtain their lots on easy terms and to improve them in a like manner. In winding up the interests of the syndicate Mr. McCune took over all the unsold real estate amounting to twelve thousand dollars, which he placed on the market at especially favorable advantage to purchasers, thus enabling a number of people of limited means to procure lots and erect houses thereon by loans, which he also advanced at the lowest possible rate of interest, in this way proving not only a promoter of the city's material prosperity, but a true benefactor as well. But for his interest in forwarding the enterprise of the syndicate and managing it with such signal success, many families today, who are in comfortable circumstances, would in all probability have been homeless, while others who looked upon his efforts as a shrewd scheme for his own enrichment are now lamenting the prejudice and folly which blinded them to opportunities which if grasped in time, would have enabled them to obtain a fair start in life and prepare for the exigencies of the future.

Since disposing of the various interests of the Sherman Syndicate, Mr. McCune has devoted his time and energies to the real estate business, loaning money, etc., in which he now has an extensive and lucrative patronage, not only in Kokomo and Howard county, but in many parts of Indiana, and other states. During the boom in Kansas he invested quite heavily in land, much of which was left upon his hands when the temporary business inflation collapsed, but which has since increased in value until it is now worth far more than the original fancy figures at which it was purchased, this with his other interests in different states making him one of the financially solid and reliable men of the city in which he resides.

Mr. McCune has been active in promoting the material advance-

ment of Kokomo in other than extending its territorial area, having taken an active and influential part in locating factories and other industries, advertising the advantages of the city as a favorable place for the investment of capital and inducing an intelligent and enterprising class of citizens to make it their permanent place of abode. His public spirit has been displayed in the interests he has always taken in measures and movements having for their object the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the community and as a member of the city council from 1898 to 1902 he was instrumental in bringing about much important municipal legislation. For several years prior to his election to the council he served as city commissioner and in various other capacities rendered valuable assistance in furthering the interests of the body politic and attracting attention to a live and enterprising city whose growth and prosperity during the last quarter of a century have been greater and more substantial perhaps than that of any other place of its size in the state.

Mr. McCune is a Democrat in politics and an influential worker in the ranks in both of which capacities he has contributed much to the strength of the ticket in the city and throughout the county besides his full share in matters pertaining to district and state. In all of his relations with his fellow men his conduct has been above reproach and it is scarcely necessary to say that one of his sterling business qualifications and substantial worth has gained the unbounded esteem of those with whom he comes into contact and that he is numbered today among the influential citizens of the community honored by his presence.

While engaged in business at Wichita, Kansas, in 1887, Mr. McCune was married to Jennie Smith, a native of Clinton county, Ohio, and daughter of Hon. J. L. Smith, ex-member of congress from the latter state, at one time under the intelligent and cul-

tured home influences and is a lady of pleasing presence and marked individuality, who has ever made her husband's interests her own, and whose sympathies and assistance are always enlisted in whatever he undertakes. Their union has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Virginia, who is now pursuing her studies in the city schools and whose presence in the home adds much to the comfort and delight of the little family circle.

Mr. McCune, although a business man in all the term implies and successful beyond the majority of his fellows, is not so immersed in his affairs as to lose sight of those higher and more pleasing concerns in the way of rest and recreation which give so much zest and relish to life and make it an agreeable experience. Two months of every year he leaves his office and its cares and goes back to the old Ohio neighborhood, where his childhood and youth were passed and where he still owns a valuable farm, to which he devotes his attention during the period indicated. This active outdoor life in close touch with nature, amid the rugged duties of agriculture, affords him an ample and pleasing means of recreation and at the close of his vacation he returns, fresh and invigorated and better fitted for the arduous duties of the large and growing business which he commands.

D. C. JENKINS GLASS COMPANY.

Among the leading enterprises of Kokomo that have contributed to the solidity of the city and added to its reputation as one of the most important industrial centers of the West is the D. C. Jenkins Glass Company, the record of which, covering a period of about eighteen years, presents a series of continued successes and the high standard of whose product has won for it prestige in the domain of

manufacture. D. C. Jenkins, the president of this concern, a glass manufacturer of wide experience, comes of a family of glass makers, his father, David Jenkins, now a man of seventy-six years of age, having devoted much more than average lifetime to the industry, as has also Thomas Jenkins, an uncle of the subject, who is seventy-four years of age. During the past forty-five years our subject has been identified with the business in its every department and now stands confessedly among the most skilled and successful artisans known to the trade.

Entering a factory at the age of eleven he early became familiar with every phase of the business and after working at different places he erected in 1806, a factory at Findlay, Ohio, which in due time became one of the leading industrial enterprises of that city, and which he continued to operate until 1803, when he disposed of the business and engaged with the United States Glass Company to superintend the erection of a large plant at Gas City, Indiana. When the plant was completed and equipped he took charge of the work and continued as manager until the year following when he resigned his position and again embarked in the business upon his own responsibility, erecting in 1804 a factory at Greentown, known as the Goblet Company, which he operated with encouraging results until 1900, when he sold the plant and within a short time thereafter established at Kokomo, the company of which he is now president and manager.

Inaugurated under favorable auspices the business in this city proved successful from the beginning and continued to grow and expand until the patronage took a very extensive range and gained for the establishment much more than local repute. The superior grade of the product which consisted of a full line of table glassware, created a wide demand among the dealers in Indiana and other states and to meet the same, a large number of workmen were

employed, all selected with special reference to efficiency and skill as artisans. The growth and prosperity of the company continued without interruption until 1905, at which time the first serious misfortune was experienced in the complete destruction of the plant by fire, entailing not only the loss of the buildings and equipment but also a heavy damage to the business in many ways, not the least of which was the time required to recover from the disaster, the interferences with trade, and the heavy expense entailed by the erection of the new and more commodious structure, which was completed and ready for operation in June of the following year, when the enterprise was re-organized as the Jenkins Company with greatly enlarged facilities and more encouraging prospects than it had hitherto enjoyed.

Since the latter year the progress of the company has fully realized the expectation of the promoters and as already indicated, it now occupies a prominent place among the industrial enterprises that have given Kokomo its high reputation as an industrial center, and under the able management of the efficient and public-spirited president. The company now represents a large investment of capital and bids fair to grow to still greater proportions and to become in the no distant future, the leading glass works in the northern part of the state. The company represents a large investment of capital and with its one hundred and fifty employes, and an annual payroll of over one hundred thousand dollars, the greater part of which is circulated locally, its benefit to the general business interests of the city can hardly be estimated. The out-put which, as stated in a preceding paragraph, includes the articles of glassware in general use together with milk bottles, fish globes and full line of machine-made goods, all of which finds ready sale, and at certain seasons the demand is so great as to require large additions to the working force. Primarily it was the intention to use natural gas exclusively, and the

plant was constructed with this object in view, but with the gradual diminishing in the volume of that fuel, it was found necessary to resort to other means of supplying fuel. Accordingly a large gas plant was recently erected, the resulting gas from which is now amply sufficient to operate the plant at its full capacity. The stock of the company is all owned by the Jenkins family, who also hold its several offices and look after its management and general interests. The personnel of the company at this time is as follows: D. C. Jenkins, president; Addison Jenkins, secretary and treasurer; David, Thomas, Addison and David C. Jenkins, and D. C. Davies, directors, and Howard A. Jenkins, salesman.

Since coming to Howard county the life of D. C. Jenkins and the history of the important enterprise with which he is so closely identified have been pretty much one and the same thing. A master of his craft and a man of sound judgment, rare foresight and superior executive ability, he has taken advantage of opportunities and when circumstances appeared discouraging his tact and fortitude have enabled him to bend them to suit his purposes with the result that he gradually overcame every obstacle in his way to success and moved steadily forward to the influential position which he now occupies in the industrial world. From the beginning of his career to the present time he has been actuated by the laudable motive of making his work worthy of patronage and to meet this end no efforts were considered too great and no expense too heavy. That he has fully realized his expectations as a manufacturer is amply attested by the rapid growth of his business, and the high reputation of his brand of goods wherever sold, the local patronage being very satisfactory, while large quantities are consigned to many different points where they easily hold their own in competition with the product of the factories of the land. As already indicated, Mr. Jenkins' close personal attention to the management of the com-

pany whose honorable career in the past and present and creditable standing in industrial and business circles afford sufficient assurance of its permanency and future prosperity as one of Kokomo's most prosperous and remunerative enterprises.

J. W. LEARNER.

Representing one of the oldest and best known families of Howard county, and a man of enterprise and sterling worth, J. W. Learner is well entitled to notice among the substantial business men of Kokomo and it is with much satisfaction that the story of his life is accorded a place in these pages.

Bernhart Learner, his father, a native of Bavaria, Germany, came to the United States when a young man and lived for some time in Pennsylvania, where he met and married Catherine Heater, who was born and reared in that state. Subsequently, in 1841, he migrated to the new and undeveloped territory of Howard county, Indiana, entered land in Howard township and in due time became one of the successful farmers and public-spirited citizens of the community, which he assisted to establish. In company with several of his neighbors and friends he made the long overland trip to California during the gold excitement of 1849 and 1850, and remained in the west two years, meeting with fair success in his search for wealth. While absent a distressing accident occurred at home, in which his wife was killed by the falling of a burning chimney. Some time after his return from California he married Mrs. Bates, the widow of one of his companions on his trip to the West, and spent the remainder of his life on the farm, which he had redeemed from the wilderness. At one time he was a large land owner, his

real estate in Howard township alone amounting to six hundred and forty acres, and his high standing as a neighbor and citizen, won for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he associated. An active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an enterprising man of affairs he left the impress of his individuality upon the community in which he lived and to his descendants the memory of a good name which they prize as a grateful heritage. Of the five children of Bernhart and Catherine Learner that survived the period of infancy, three are still living, J. W., of this review; B. F. and Mrs. Mary Templin, the sons being residents of Howard county, but the daughter for some years past has been living in the West.

J. W. Learner was born in Howard county in the year of 1848 and spent the greater part of his minority on the family homestead in Howard township, where he early became familiar with the pursuit of agriculture and received, under excellent home influence, the discipline and training which so well fitted him for the duties of subsequent life. While assisting to clear and cultivate the farm, he attended school for a brief period only, eighteen months covering his early educational experiences, notwithstanding which he made rapid progress, the knowledge thus gained with information derived from study and reading during his leisure hours enabling him, when a young man, to enter the school work and teach successfully several terms in his native township. Meantime he devoted his attention to various enterprises, chief among which was the manufacture of drain tile, in which he was associated for some time with his brother-in-law, James Miller, the business proving remunerative and giving him his first real start in life. During the years, 1881-2, he served as deputy sheriff under J. W. DeHaven and later turned his attention to merchandising, in which his success was fairly satisfactory. Without following his business career in detail, suffice it

to state that the last enterprise to which he addressed himself and in which he is still engaged, was the purchase in partnership with P. E. Hoss and W. E. Blackledge of the Opalescent Glass Works at Kokomo, the establishment being disposed of at a receiver's sale in the year 1891. Since becoming identified with this large and promising interest, Mr. Learner has given personal attention to the office work and management of the concern, which is now one of the leading manufacturing establishments of the city. Under the present company the plant has been enlarged and otherwise improved and from a modest beginning the business has steadily grown in magnitude and importance until the demand for the product is so great that the factory is taxed to its utmost capacity, thus rendering an additional increase of facilities, a matter of the near future. The high grade of the out-put of the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Works has given the plant wide reputation and it stands today among the leading enterprises of the city with a promise of still larger growth in the future. Mr. Learner possesses business abilities of a high order, and to him largely is the enterprise indebted for the series of advancements which have characterized its progress since he became a member of the firm. Aside from his business affairs he manifests a lively interest in the material development of Kokomo, lending his encouragement and influence to all worthy measures and movements to this end, and he is also an earnest advocate and liberal patron of everything calculated to promote the social advancement of the city and the moral good of the people.

Mr. Learner is a married man and the father of one child, a daughter by the name of Grace, a young lady of uncommon intelligence and culture, a graduate of the Kokomo high school and for two years a student of De Pauw University. Recently she completed the full course in kindergarten work in a professional college at Indianapolis and now holds a remunerative position in the public

schools at Hammond, this state. Before her marriage, Mrs. Learner was Hettie Adamson, a native of Howard county, whose death occurred in 1890. Subsequently Mr. Learner married Mrs. Emma J. (Small) Wilson, a native of Howard county.

In his political faith Mr. Learner is staunchly and uncompromisingly a Republican, though not a partisan or aspirant for official honors. His fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, and in religion he is a Methodist, belonging with his family to the Grace church in Kokomo, in which he holds the office of trustee.

Personally, Mr. Learner is a most pleasant and affable gentleman, of honest convictions and sincere purposes, his upright career and wholesome moral influence making him popular throughout the city in which he is so widely known and in which his entire life has been spent.

GEORGE B. JONES.

The following is a brief sketch of the life of one who, by close attention to business, has achieved marked success in the world's affairs and risen to an honorable position among the enterprising men of the city with which his interests are identified. It is a plain record, rendered remarkable by no strange or mysterious adventure, no wonderful and lucky accident and no tragic situation. Mr. Jones is one of those estimable characters whose integrity and strong personality must force them into an admirable notoriety, which their modesty never seeks, who command the respect of their contemporaries and their posterity and leave the impress of their individuality up in the age in which they live.

George B. Jones is an American by adoption, but none the less a lover of the great Republic in which the greater part of his life

has been spent, and an ardent admirer of the free institutions under which his success has been achieved. He was born March 24, 1864, in England, the son of John and Elizabeth Jones, also natives of that country, and representatives of the farming class of Shropshire, where their home was situated. Amid the beautiful rural scenes of his native land, the early years of the subject were passed and he there learned the lessons of industry and self-reliance which in subsequent life, contributed so largely to his advancement and enabled him to make his presence felt among his fellow men. Circumstances surrounding his early life were such that at the age of nine years, in company with an uncle, he left the home of his childhood to seek a new home and a new career in the great Republic beyond the sea, sailing on the 8th day of September, 1873, and landing on the 24th of the same month at Norfolk, Virginia. From that place he went to Tronton, Ohio, where he and his relative secured employment and later he attended the schools of Tronton until completing the first year of the high school course. When not in school he worked on a farm in the vicinity of the city and was thus employed until his twentieth year, when he entered a stove foundry, known as the Witman Stove Company, where he labored from April 20, 1884, until the destruction of the plant by fire, on November 1, 1886. In the latter year Mr. Jones went to Piqua, Ohio, where he was engaged with the Favorite Stove & Range Company until 1896, in November of which year he resigned his position and, with W. J. Smith, John Kemp and others, organized the Co-operative Ideal Stove & Foundry Company at Daleville, Indiana, continuing with the same until the dissolution of the firm three years later. When the latter enterprise ceased operations, Mr. Jones came to Kokomo, and on June 1, 1900, entered the employ of the Globe Stove & Range Company, as general superintendent of the foundry, the post he now so ably and worthily holds. He is not only officially connected with

the above enterprise but is also a stockholder in the same and for three years was a member of the board of directors. His relations with the management have always been of the most pleasant and agreeable nature, while between himself and employees, feelings of the utmost esteem and good will have ever obtained. He is a born leader, who fully appreciates the aims and desires of those under him and by securing their confidence and working to their interests, he has never experienced any of the troubles and difficulties which come to so many industrial establishments, but on the contrary his services have never failed to advance the interests of his employer and make for the success of the enterprise with which he has been identified.

Mr. Jones has been a careful student of public and political questions and is well informed on the leading issues of the day. He was a Republican until 1896, at which time he transferred his allegiance to the Democracy and rendered valuable service to the ticket, stumping Miami county in the interests of William Jennings Bryan and winning many votes by his clear and able presentation and discussion of the questions then before the people. He is an able and effective speaker, a good logician and commands the attention of his audiences, not only by appealing to their reason, but also by the ease and freedom with which he presents and maintains the soundness of his position.

Jennie B. Pauley, who became the wife of Mr. Jones, was born February 6, 1864, at Gallipolis, Ohio, and departed this life on the 23d of May, 1908, leaving besides her husband, one child to mourn her loss, a son, Walter B., whose birth occurred on February 2d, of the year 1891, and who is now a student in the Kokomo high school. Fraternally Mr. Jones is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and takes an active and prominent part in promoting the interests of

these organizations, besides filling at various times positions of honor and trust in each. He is a wide-awake, enterprising man of the times, fully alive to the dignities and responsibilities of citizenship, and to the extent of his ability, contributes to the material prosperity of the community and to the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the populace. Courteous, affable and easily approached, he commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact, and his friends are as the number of his acquaintances. While a power in the industrial circles of Kokomo, he is universally esteemed in all the relations of life, and his career thus far has been creditable to himself and an honor to the city which he has elected to be his permanent place of abode.

WILLIAM E. TARKINGTON.

In examining the life records of self-made men, it will invariably be found that indefatigable industry has constituted the basis of their success. True there are other elements which enter in and conserve the advancement of personal interests,—perseverance, discrimination and mastering of expedients,—but the foundation of all achievement is earnest, persistent labor. At the outset of his career Mr. Tarkington recognized this fact, and he did not seek any royal road to the goal of prosperity and independence, but began to work earnestly and diligently in order to advance himself, and the result is that he is now numbered among the progressive, successful and influential farmers of Ervin township, Howard county, where he has a well improved landed estate.

William E. Tarkington was born on his father's farm in Clay township, December 7, 1867, the son of John E. Tarkington, who

has long been a man of influence in his community. Our subject remained on his father's farm, assisting with the work about the place and attending school in the neighborhood, where he gained a fairly good practical education, and he always followed farming and stock raising, believing that in this field better opportunities were to be found than any other, largely because of his early training by his worthy father, who had made a success of the same line before him. He remained under the parental roof-tree until he was twenty-five years old, when he married and settled on the farm where he now lives in Ervin township. His marriage day was February 1, 1893, and he selected as a life companion, Ora Miller, a native of Clay township, where the ceremony was performed, and she proved to be a most worthy helpmate. She was the daughter of Henry Clay Miller, and she passed to her rest in Ervin township March 12, 1900. One child was born to this union, Roscoe Ray, who is a bright lad and gives promise of a brilliant future.

The subject was again married in Ervin township, December 26, 1901, to Lillie Merrill, a native of Ervin township and a daughter of Benjamin and Harriet Merrill, well known people in the respective community. This union has proven to be a most harmonious one and Mr. and Mrs. Tarkington have a nice and cozy home.

The subject has been a member of the advisory board, where his sound business principles were applied with the same tangible results as have been obtained in his own industrial life. The subject and wife are earnest members of the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church of Clay township.

Mr. Tarkington's farm shows at a glance that a man of thrift and industry manages it. He has erected substantial and commodious buildings on the place, his residence being a most convenient one, and all of his out buildings are of modern type. His fences are kept in good repair and his fields are well tilled and care-

fully looked after as to washes and other damaging agencies and all his improvements are well up to those on the best farms of the county, in fact, this farm of one hundred and twenty acres, is equal in every respect to any in the community where the subject lives and where he has gained the undivided respect and admiration of all who know him, owing to his life of industry and uprightness.

M. O. COYNER.

It will always be a badge of honor in this country to have known that a person's father, or even his uncle, enlisted in the service of his country when the great Rebellion broke out, to assist in saving the Union, and in eradicating slavery from our soil. Just as to this day we boast that our grandfather or great-grandfather fought in the Revolution to gain independence, or fought in the War of 1812 to protect our rights on the ocean, so the descendants of the gallant soldiers who fought during the Rebellion to save the Union will boast through the coming centuries of the bravery and self-sacrifice of their fathers or other relatives. It is a pleasure to write of the subject of this sketch, who was one of the "boys in blue" who went forth to die on the field or in the no less dangerous fever camp, if need be, for the salvation of the country.

M. O. Coyner was born in Ross county, Ohio, December 18, 1844, the son of George and Eliza (Clark) Coyner. They spent their lives on a farm in the Buckeye state, never living in Indiana. The father of the subject was a native of Virginia, and was brought by his parents to Ohio when he was six years old. There were nine children in this family, only three of whom survive. One son William, was a soldier in the Civil war, dying at Memphis, Tennessee.

while in the service. His brother, George, was also a soldier in Company D, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was taken prisoner at Chickamauga and died in the prison at Andersonville, Georgia, in July, 1864.

Our subject was in the One Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. However, circumstances were such that he was not long in the service, greatly to his regret. He performed gallant work in the pursuit of Morgan's men, when that intrepid Southern leader was on his raid through the North.

M. O. Coyner lived on a farm in his youth and attended the common schools, receiving a good education, such as those times afforded. When he gained his majority he came west and clerked in a general store for three years. While there he married Mary E. Neal, daughter of Rev. A. Neal, of Missouri, a family of high rank.

In 1850 the subject returned to Ohio, and later engaged in the grocery business at Frankfort, Ohio, with much success for four years. He then came to Indianapolis, but soon went to Cincinnati. In 1856 he began work as traveling salesman for Butterworth & Potts, a Cincinnati shoe house, which line was successfully followed for five or six years. He then engaged with Manse Brothers & Company, of Cincinnati, with which firm he continued for three years, after which he was with J. W. Butterworth, of the Marion Shoe Company, in which he is now (1908) employed, having devoted nine years to this work in their service. He has been a traveling salesman for the past twenty-eight years, during which time he has made hosts of friends and secured an enormous amount of business for his employers, being not only a man of keen business discernment, but also of pleasing personality in every respect.

Mr. Coyner came to Kokomo, Indiana, in 1887, when he purchased property at 1001 East Sycamore street, where he has since

resided, maintaining a pleasant and well furnished home. He has one son, E. G., who was born September 18, 1870, now located in Norwood, a suburb of Cincinnati.

The subject's present wife was Viola Ramsey, a daughter of the late L. J. Ramsey. She has one son, Harold, a reporter on the Kokomo Dispatch. He graduated from the Kokomo high school in 1908.

Mr. Coyner is independent in politics. He is a member of the Order of Traveling Men of Indianapolis. Being a man of upright principles and congenial disposition he is held in great favor by all who have the fortune to know him.

GEORGE W. DUKE.

Prominent in the public affairs of Kokomo, distinguished as one of the leading men of Howard county and enjoying distinctive prestige in business circles far beyond the limits of the community honored by his citizenship, George W. Duke, of the old and reliable real estate firm of Duke Brothers & Company, is entitled to specific mention in this connection and it is with no little satisfaction that the reader's attention is respectfully invited to the brief story of his life, embodied in the following lines. Mr. Duke is a native of Indiana, and the fifth of a family of seven children whose parents, David D. and Jane (McCoy) Duke, were of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, respectively. These parents settled in Carroll county, Indiana, a number of years ago, moving to Delphi in 1855 and during the ensuing two years Mr. Duke cultivated a farm near that city in addition to which he also operated a mill and did a fairly prosperous business. Meeting with certain financial reverses, which greatly em-

barrassed him, he subsequently disposed of his interests in Carroll county and in 1860 moved to Kokomo, where he opened a restaurant and bakery which he conducted with fair profits until 1882, when he removed to Silver Lake, Indiana, where his death occurred two years later, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1872. The names of the children born to David and Jane Duke are as follows: Alexander H., for some years an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of Kokomo, and a member of the city councils, in addition to which he also served as sheriff of Howard county and became widely and favorably known as an efficient and popular official; Hattie A., the second in order of birth, married a Mr. Walsh; Lizzie is the wife of Richard Doughuff; David L. is engaged in the real estate and insurance business in partnership with George W., the subject of this review, after whom comes William and Charles Duke.

George W. Duke was born in Carroll county, Indiana, on the 22d day of February, 1854, where he remained until the removal of the family to Kokomo in 1860. Like the majority of city lads, his early life was without incident worthy of note, having been put to work as soon as old enough to be of service, the meanwhile attending the public schools where in due time he obtained practical knowledge of the English branches and became quite well informed.

From his youth, Mr. Duke manifested decided business talent, and while still a young man formulated plans for his future, with the object in view of becoming of some use in the world. After clerking for some time in a drug store and becoming familiar with the principles and details of business life he was elected in 1878, city clerk, the duties of which position he discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public, for two terms, proving an able and acceptable officer, gaining many warm friends and greatly extending his personal popularity during his incumbency.

Mr. Duke, in the year 1880, embarked in the line of business-

with which he has since been identified and in which his success has been such as to bring him prominently to the notice of the business world and earn for him a reputation far beyond the limits of the city and county to which his attention has been principally devoted, namely dealing in real estate, writing insurance, and loaning money. Associated with him is his elder brother, Daniel L. Duke, the partnership under the name of Duke Brothers & Company being the oldest firm of the kind in the county and by far the most successful, as is indicated by the number and magnitude of their transactions in real estate, the vast amount of money loaned and the large and liberal insurance patronage which has come to them since opening their office twenty-eight years ago. Their business from the beginning has been marked by a steady and substantial growth and at this time represents some of the largest and most important real estate transactions in the county and throughout the state, the firm dealing in all kinds of land, buying and selling, exchanging and trading for other kinds of property, the office being a continuously animated and busy scene in which numerous deals are inaugurated and consummated, bargains made and large sums of money loaned, and all lines of insurance represented, including life, fire, accident, etc., written, the firm having the agency of nearly all the large companies in the United States, also a number in foreign countries.

Mr. Duke is essentially a business man of progressive ideas and tendencies, possessing ability of a high order and judgment which is seldom at fault on matters in which he is interested. His familiarity with financial questions and general monetary affairs enables him to foresee with remarkable accuracy the future outcome of present transactions while his thorough knowledge of real estate values and everything pertaining thereto has caused his counsel to be sought and his advice followed not only by his patrons, but by many others who contemplate selling or otherwise disposing of their holdings.

In the year 1890, Mr. Duke was appointed state insurance commissioner, in which capacity he served very acceptably for a period of five years, during which time he had an office in Indianapolis and was unremitting in his attention to the duties of the position. During his tenure of office he made a careful study of insurance in its every detail and bearing, the knowledge thus obtained proving valuable not only to the state, which profited greatly from his services, but also to his personal interests, to say nothing of the frequency with which he is consulted by others in relation to insurance matters, a branch of business in which he is considered an authority. Although a very busy man and keenly alive to everything pertaining to the lines of business to which his attention is in the main devoted, Mr. Duke is public-spirited and enterprising, and keeps in touch with the progress of his city to the extent of his ability, encourages and assists all movements to this end. Through the medium of his firm he has contributed much to the material growth of the community, in the way of buildings and other improvements, and his name is inseparably connected with not a few enterprises that have tended greatly to the advancement of the city and welfare of the populace.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Duke is a firm and loyal advocate of Democratic principles, and for a number of years his influence has been felt in the councils of his party, having served several terms as chairman of the county central committee, besides being active in the ranks and a recognized leader during the progress of campaigns. He has also been honored by being chosen to represent from time to time the Democracy of Howard county in district and state conventions and in which bodies his influence has always carried weight and his opinions commanded respect.

Mr. Duke is a commendable example of the wide-awake, enterprising representative Americans of today, and as such stands high

in business and social circles and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens among whom few are as widely known or personally as popular. Although manifesting a lively interest in all that concerns the welfare and stability of the body politic, he has never sought official preferment nor aspired to leadership, being content to serve his fellow men in a private capacity and satisfied to be known simply as a citizen. He has an attractive home in Kokomo and since December 12, 1907, has traveled life's pathway with the partner of his joys and sharer of his successes and vicissitudes, having been married on that date to Ella Thorne, of Howard county, a sister of the late Dr. John C. Thorne, of Kokomo, and a lady of gracious presence and pleasing personality whose standing in the best social circles of the city is firmly established and duly appreciated.

MARTIN S. HOLMAN.

This utilitarian age has been especially prolific in men of action, clear-brained men of high resolves and noble purposes, who give character and stability to the communities honored by their citizenship, and whose influence and leadership are easily discernible in the various enterprises that have added so greatly to the high reputation which Howard county enjoys among her sister counties of this great commonwealth. Conspicuous among this class of men whose place of residence is in this county is the progressive citizen under whose name this article is written, and to a brief outline of whose career the biographer is herewith pleased to address himself.

Martin S. Holman was born in Crawford county, Ohio, April 2, 1858, the son of Jacob and Sarah (Scott) Holman. The Hol-

mans are of German descent and came to Indiana from Ohio. The Scotts were also of German ancestry. The father of the subject was an influential farmer. Jacob Holman came with his family to Howard county in 1850, later returning to Crawford county, Ohio, in 1857, but returned to Howard county in 1861, locating in Clay township, where he has a farm of forty acres which is highly productive. He has lived here to the present time, being eighty-three years old in 1908. His wife is also still living at an advanced age. Eight children were born to them, three sons and five daughters.

Martin S. Holman, our subject, was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the country schools where he applied himself in a most diligent manner. Not being satisfied with what he had learned in the common schools, he entered the State Normal where he made an excellent record for one term. At the age of twenty-one years he began teaching school, continuing at this with marked success for thirteen consecutive winters, gaining, in the mean time, a wide reputation in Howard county as an able educator, carrying a high grade license.

Mr. Holman took the civil service examination in 1891 and received an appointment in 1892, having made an excellent average in this test. He was put on the run from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Chicago, on the Panhandle Railroad. He is still in this position, being the head clerk in charge of the crew. His services have been eminently satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Holman was united in marriage to Luella Thomas, April 20, 1884. She is a native of Cass county, Indiana, and the daughter of the late Lewis Thomas, who was a highly respected and influential man of that county. She was born January 14, 1864. Two children have been born to this union, one of whom survived infancy, Verna B. was born March 7, 1887. She graduated from the

Kokomo high school in 1906, after making an excellent record for scholarship and deportment. She is a young lady of many estimable traits and attractive personality.

The subject and wife are members of the Christian church and also of the Ben-Hur lodge.

The comfortable and commodious home of the subject, which he owns, is located at 709 West Monroe street. It is the gathering place for a host of friends of the Holmans, who are highly respected and popular, owing to their upright lives, wholesome home influence, hospitality and pleasing personalities, making them admired by all who know them.

W. A. HATFIELD, M. D.

Success in what are popularly termed the learned professions, is the legitimate result of merit and painstaking endeavor. In commercial life one may come into possession of a lucrative business through inheritance or gift, but professional advancement is gained only by critical study and consecutive research long continued. Proper intellectual discipline, thorough professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of the qualities and attributes essential to success have made the subject of this review eminent in his chosen calling and he stands today among the scholarly and enterprising physicians and surgeons in a community long distinguished for the high order of its medical talent.

Dr. W. A. Hatfield, one of the native sons of which Howard county may well feel proud, was born on the 12th day of July, 1807, his parents, William and Mary E. (Jones) Hatfield, moving to this part of Indiana from Ohio in an early day and located in Union township, where the father engaged in farming but later devoted his

attention principally to the buying and shipping of live stock, a business in which he was quite successful. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield were married in Ohio, but spent the greater part of their domestic life in Howard county, where in due time their respective deaths occurred. The early years of Dr. Hatfield amid the bracing airs and wholesome discipline of rural life were conducive to sturdy physical growth, while the rugged duties of the farm with which he early became familiar enabled him to form a proper conception of the dignity of labor and to learn the value of individual effort as a means to an end in every laudable undertaking.

While pursuing his work in the fields or his studies in the district schools young Hatfield decided to make the most of his opportunities with the object in view of fitting himself for some definite sphere of usefulness. After acquiring a sound practical education he obtained a teacher's license, but the labors and responsibilities of the school room not being to his taste, he decided to make the medical profession his life work, in pursuance of which he entered in due time a college of medicine and surgery in Chicago, where he prosecuted his studies until being well founded in the principles of his profession, after which he attended other institutions of like character until well fitted for the active duties of his profession.

Dr. Hatfield began his professional career in Marion, Indiana, where he practiced with encouraging success until removing to Kokomo in 1868, since which time he has been actively engaged in the duties of his calling in this city, where he has built up a large and lucrative professional business and won for himself commendable standing among the leading physicians and surgeons of Howard county. A close student, keeping abreast of the times in all matters relating to his noble work, he has never permitted his interest to flag, nor his efforts to abate, consequently he avails himself of every laudable discovery in the domain of medical science and keeps it

close touch with the recognized authorities by whom, in the main, his course is guided.

In politics he is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and while active and influential in advancing the interests of the party and promoting the success of its candidates, he has never sought nor held public office of any description. As a citizen he stands high in the esteem of his fellow men, being public-spirited and progressive, and at all times willing to lend his aid and influence in behalf of enterprises for the material advancement of his city and county, and for the intellectual, social and moral good of the people.

The doctor has never permitted himself to become narrow or intolerant, as the manner of many professional men is, but being of broad and liberal tendencies he takes wide views of matters and things and is essentially a man of the times and in harmony with the progressive spirit of the age. He manifests a lively interest in things other than his calling, being a great lover of fine live stock, especially the horse, of which he keeps a number of the standard breeds and in the raising of which he is a recognized authority among the horsemen of his city.

Dr. Hatfield was married in 1886 to Mattie Lemon, of Grant county, whose lamented death occurred after a comparatively brief but happy domestic experience, during which she bore him two children, the older a son by the name of Artie, is a young man twenty-one years of age in 1908, the second being a daughter by the name of Emma, who is the wife of Bert Kink, of Kokomo. Dr. Hatfield is identified with secret fraternal and benevolent work in Kokomo, belonging to several different organizations and taking a prominent and influential part in their deliberations. He has been especially active in advancing the interests of the Red Men and the Odd Fellows orders, in both of which he has been complimented at various

times with positions of honor and trust and the success of which is largely due to the efforts he has put forth in their behalf. The doctor has spent the greater part of his life in the county of his birth, and is today one of its successful professional men and wale-awake, public-spirited citizens. He is also an honorable representation of one of its oldest and most highly esteemed families, his father moving to this part of the state as early as 1838 and locating in Union township, when the few scattering settlements were but niches in the surrounding forests. He has lived to see the county developed from a wilderness to its present proud position among the leading counties of Indiana and is justly proud of his nativity and citizenship in a section so greatly blessed by nature and so signally favored in all that relates to a high and progressive spirit of advancement and civilization.

CAPTAIN GEORGE D. TATE.

In placing the subject of this sketch in the front rank of Kokomo's business men, simple justice is done to a biographical fact, universally recognized throughout Howard and adjoining counties by men at all familiar with his history. A man of judgment, sound discretion and business ability of a high order, he has managed with tactful success, important enterprises and so impressed his individuality upon the community as to gain recognition among its leading citizens and public-spirited men of affairs.

George D. Tate is a native of Indiana, born in Lawrenceburg on the 11th day of January, 1838. His father, William Tate, of Boston, Massachusetts, was an early settler of Lawrenceburg, and a man of considerable local prominence. He was by trade a carpenter, and for a number of years followed his chosen calling in the

above city where, in addition to erecting many private dwellings and public buildings, he also constructed a large ware house on the river bank at Lawrenceburg, where he received large consignments of merchandise for Indianapolis and intermediate Indiana points. William Tate was one of the leading spirits in arousing an interest in the matter of constructing a railroad between Lawrenceburg and Indianapolis, and in the prosecution of his efforts in behalf of the enterprise he made a horseback trip between the two places for the purpose of securing the right of way. In due time the road was surveyed and the right of way secured, after which work on its construction was carried forward as rapidly as circumstances would admit, the leaders in the enterprise being Mr. Tate and George H. Dunn, to whom perhaps more than to any other interested parties, is due the credit of pushing the completion of the road and putting it in successful operation. For many years Mr. Tate's ware house in Lawrenceburg was the distributing place for nearly all the cities and towns of central and southern Indiana and his business grew and prospered as long as he gave it his attention. After becoming interested in railway construction he removed to the city of Indianapolis where his death subsequently occurred at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years.

The early life of George D. Tate was spent in the place of his birth, and while still a young man he turned his attention to business pursuits and for some years was engaged in different lines of enterprise. While in Indianapolis, in the year 1867, he chanced to observe three carloads of very fine poplar lumber, which upon inquiry he ascertained was manufactured near Kokomo and shipped from that place. Being familiar with the business he at once decided to investigate the territory from which this consignment came. Accordingly he made a trip to Kokomo in the year indicated and it was not long thereafter until his business was extended to Howard county, where he first began taking the out-put of several mills and

shipping ash, walnut and poplar, upon quite an extensive scale. By gradually extending the scope of his operations into other parts of the country he became within a few years one of the largest and most successful lumber dealers in northern Indiana, purchasing the out-put of about twenty mills at Kokomo and various other places, from each of which points large shipments were made and a great and growing business built up. At one time he had on hand four and a half million feet of hardwood lumber, which he disposed of at a liberal profit. The better to prosecute and extend his lumber interests he employed experts to investigate the wooded territory and make purchases and to such a magnitude did his business grow that for a number of years his sales amounted to considerable in excess of a half million dollars annually, shipping much of the fine walnut to Europe to say nothing of the great demand for his lumber in all the leading cities of the United States. Mr. Tate continued the lumber business with marked success until the lumber supply was exhausted in 1879-80, at which time he turned his attention to other and more remunerative interests. In company with several other parties, he was instrumental in establishing at Elwood the Plate Glass Works, which was later merged with the Kokomo plant and was subsequently sold to the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company.

He continued to reside at Kokomo and in due time added coal to his other interests and is now and has been for some time past the leader in that line of trade in Howard county. In addition to supplying the great bulk of the local demand, he wholesales vast quantities of coal to other points. Mr. Tate is vice-president and a director of the Indiana Rubber & Insulated Wire Company at Jonesboro, an enterprise of rapid growth, which now does a large annual business and which has not been in the least affected by the recent financial panic. He is also identified with various other business and industrial enterprises and takes an active part in all matters

relating to the material growth and advancement of the city of Kokomo and Howard county.

Mr. Tate served twelve years in the city council and during his incumbency introduced many important measures and labored faithfully and conscientiously for the interests of his constituents and the municipality in general, proving an able leader, whose efforts and influence were ever exerted for the public good. He owns a beautiful farm in Clay township on which he has made a number of valuable improvements and the cultivation of which is carried on under his direction and management.

When the national horizon became overcast with dark and ominous clouds of the Civil war, Mr. Tate was among the first to tend his services to the government in the time of peril. He enlisted in 1861 as a private in Company F, Thirty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and at the end of thirteen months was discharged on account of disability. Two weeks later he was appointed first lieutenant and quartermaster of the Eighty-third Indiana Infantry, Second Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, under the command of General John A. Logan. In this capacity he served until the close of the war, taking part in a number of campaigns and marching with Sherman to the sea, during which experience he had to do a great deal of foraging for his command, this taking him into a few dangerous situations with occasional skirmishes with the enemy. During his term of service he was breveted captain, and as such received his discharge, having made a creditable record during his army experience, achieved an honorable standing of which any soldier may well feel proud. Captain Tate is the only staff officer of the Eighty-third Indiana now living and of the entire regiment, but few remain to tell the story of the dark and perilous period when treason was rife and the gallant ship of state almost stranded on the rocks of disunion. He was a member of the commission ap-

pointed to visit Vicksburg and locate the monuments to his regiment on that bloody field, which duty he discharged well and faithfully, and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Since the war, Captain Tate has kept in close touch with military matters, especially those relating to his comrades of the Eighty-third, the annual reunions of which he always attends, these meetings with their interesting incidents being among his most pleasant and agreeable experiences.

Captain Tate was married at Versailles, Indiana, to Helen Kincaid, who has borne him three children, Anna, wife of A. G. Siebering, manager of the Apperson Auto Company, of Kokomo, and Harry E., who is associated with his father in business. William Francis, the first in order of birth, is deceased.

The captain is independent in politics, but has never sought nor held political office. Nevertheless he takes a keen and active interest in public questions and believes it to be the duty of all who exercise the elective franchise, to inform themselves on whatever issue may be before the people for settlement, and to cast their votes in whatever way their conscience and judgment may dictate. In the affairs of the city in which he resided for so many years and with which his interests are still identified, he has been connected with a number of movements which have had their aim in the upbuilding of the town and the welfare of the community. His career, though strenuous and to a marked degree progressive and successful, has always been characterized by honorable dealing and in the prosecution of his large and important interests he has ever been mindful of the sanctity of his obligations and the ethics of business life. Born in the ranks of the common people who fight the battles, pay the taxes, command all the great enterprises and give stability to the body politic, he retains his liking for them which they in turn fully reciprocate. Independent, energetic and resourceful in business, a

notable figure in the public affairs of his city and county and a broad minded citizen with the interests of his fellow men at heart, Captain Tate fills a conspicuous place in the civic life of Kokomo and is destined long to remain one of the leading figures in the history of his adopted city and county.

LOUIS GOODWINE.

The history of Howard county is not a very old one. It is the record of the steady growth of a community planted in the wilderness a half century ago and has reached its magnitude of today without other aids than those of industry. The people who redeemed its wilderness fastnesses were strong-armed, hardy sons of the soil, who hesitated at no difficulty and for whom hardships had little to appall. There was also other work to be done, work of various kinds. Their efficient efforts have been fully appreciated by those who came at a later period and builded on the foundation which they laid so broad and deep. Among the first class is the prominent citizen of Kokomo whose name introduces this sketch. While his arrival was not as early as some, yet he came in the formative period and has done much to develop the wonderful resources of a county that now occupies a proud position among the most progressive and enlightened sections of Indiana, the subject having lived in this city for over a half century, and not only has he benefited himself by his residence here, but also the community in various ways.

Louis Goodwine was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in February, 1838, and received what education the times afforded in Franklin county, Ohio. But while his early educational advantages in the district schools were not what they should have been, Mr. Goodwine

is a close observer and has since gained a wide fund of information by coming in contact with the world and by home reading.

Mr. Goodwine began to learn the carpenter's trade when nineteen years old, in 1858, and he has never worked at anything else, having made a pronounced success at this profession from the first, possessing not only the natural ability, but also the other necessary traits of persistence and fortitude that are prerequisites of such a calling. He came to Kokomo in March, 1855, and located on Sycamore street, which was then a country road. Since that time he has seen the wonderful development of the community and profited by the advance in industrial affairs. At present he owns a substantial, commodious and nicely furnished brick residence at the corner of Market and Mulberry streets, where he has resided for some time.

In June, 1864, our subject began contracting, and since that time he has erected a large number of dwellings and business houses in Kokomo. The first year he launched in this business he built the elevators where C. M. Barlow now does business. Among other important buildings which he has erected may be mentioned the Howard National Bank, half the block on Main street where Vailes' shoe store is located, from the blue-front up, the Schwanger block and several other big buildings, besides numerous dwellings of various types. The subject has long been regarded one of the best architects and foremost contractors of Howard county. He has a reputation for not only having a thorough knowledge of the building business, but his scrupulously honest methods insure him all the work he can attend to.

Our subject has been thrifty ever since he came to Howard county, and he has gotten possession of a valuable and highly productive farm of seventy acres in Harrison township.

Mr. Goodwine was united in marriage to Frances Jane Lightner, January 22, 1861. She is a native of Logansport, Indiana, and

the daughter of George E. and Henrietta (Orwick) Lightner, natives of Pennsylvania. They were influential people in their native community. Two children have been born to the subject and wife, one of whom is living, Etta, who is the wife of Ralph E. Scora, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Muncie, Indiana. She is a graduate of the Kokomo high school. They have two sons, who are seven and four years old in 1908.

The subject and wife are members of the Main street Christian church, being liberal givers to the same and taking a great interest in the affairs of that congregation.

Politically Mr. Goodwine is a Republican, but he does not find time to take an active part in political affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwine are well and favorably known to the major part of the residents of Kokomo, where most of their well ordered lives have been spent and where their hospitality, kindness, uprightness and loyalty to the church and the government have made them popular and won them scores of admiring friends.

KOKOMO, MARION & WESTERN TRACTION COMPANY.

Enterprise, sound business judgment, and well directed energy combined, have developed the Kokomo, Marion & Western Traction Company, of Kokomo, Indiana, to the front rank among the interurban companies of the state. Its present position of importance in the business and commercial world has been attained as the result of a steady growth from a modest beginning. The Kokomo Street Railway Company was organized by Attorney J. F. Morrison. Shortly afterwards the company was reorganized and known as the Kokomo City Railway & Light Company. In the

start there were two companies, separate and distinct, that known as the Citizens' Light & Power Company and the Kokomo City Railway Company. Under this consolidation great practical advantages were attained, both for the new company and the public, which the latter was not slow to recognize and appreciate. The original owners of the street railway property were Frank E. Snow, W. E. Avery, William H. Stevens, and J. E. Jackson, of Detroit Michigan, and J. E. McGetting, of Indianapolis.

In 1860 tracks were laid from Markland avenue to the junction, and a year later the line was extended to the plate glass factory over Sycamore street. The active and capable manager of the property at this period of its operation was W. E. Avery, now deceased. It is to him, perhaps more than to any one person, that the Kokomo public is indebted for the procurement of the beautiful city park for which Kokomo is famed throughout Indiana. Mr. Avery, both for the benefit of the city, and the company with which he was identified, perceived the benefits to be derived from the establishment of a city park. Rebuffed at first he was not to be discouraged, and approaching J. R. Hall, of Indianapolis, with the proposition, Mr. Hall was taken with the idea at once. Being a former resident of Kokomo and interested in her people, he adopted Mr. Avery's suggestion and deeded the original park land to the city. The Street Railway Company at once constructed a line to the park along Markland and Courtland avenues.

The company made money the first year of its organization, and was increasing its business steadily in full ignorance that it was soon to face a financial storm which would shake the enterprise from center to circumference. Thus far the financial wisdom of its establishment had been proven, and extensions were planned which were of a promising character. The panic of 1863 came on, and for months the company dragged empty cars through the streets. But

it was to be seen that the enterprise was founded upon a rock that the waves of financial storm could not dislodge, and a reorganization was effected, resulting in a sale of the railway and light properties to W. E. Stevens and Fremont Woodworth, of Detroit.

The company added the line of track running from Main street to the Cloverleaf Railroad. During the time of the ownership of the properties by Detroit capitalists about three and one half miles of track were utilized. It was not until 1902 that very extensive improvements were undertaken. T. C. McReynolds had assumed the management of the business, and he had in mind plans for developing the enterprise, which contemplated a systematic growth. He was confident of the bright future of the company and time has vindicated the correctness of his judgment. In 1902 the Kokomo Railway & Light Company, under his direction, laid four and one half miles of track in the city. The northwest and southwest loops were constructed and from that hour the company took a step forward to the vital moment to its profit and welfare. The traffic was crebbed, because the very heart of important territory had been touched and people could go somewhere. The light plant was improved to a state of efficiency. But in 1903 all that Mr. McReynolds had hoped for and believed would be accomplished was realized in the organization of the present company, the Kokomo, Marion & Western Traction Company. Old things had passed away, and new blood was to surprise the most conservative of the company's well wishers. In 1903 the company was organized with George J. Marrott, of Indianapolis, president; L. J. Kirkpatrick, vice-president, and T. C. McReynolds, secretary-treasurer and general manager. Mr. McReynolds was now enabled to see that accomplished which long before he had planned and upon which he had determined. An interurban line was to be constructed connecting Kokomo and Marion. Mr. McReynolds was backed by

sufficient capital and supported by business capability of successful business men. Twenty-eight miles of track east of Kokomo were laid and the line from the start proved a good investment. Then the power plant was improved, the latest improvements installed and the plant brought to its highest efficiency, so that it cares for all requirements and much more. In 1900 this plant represented but three hundred and fifty horse power. Today it represents four thousand five hundred horse power. The company is the owner of four electric light plants, located at Kokomo, Swayzee, Greentown and Converse. The company's properties are constantly increasing in value, and are so situated that an increase in value must be the inevitable result from each passing year.

ANDERSON WILLETS.

In the constant and laborious struggle for an honorable competence and a creditable name on the part of business or professional men, there is little to attract the reader in search of a sensational chapter, but to a mind thoroughly awake to the true meaning of life and its responsibilities there are noble and imperishable lessons in the career of an individual who, early thrown upon his own resources and without other means than a sound mind, fertile perceptive faculty and a true heart, conquers adversity and not only wins a prominent position in the industrial world, but what is equally as great, the deserved esteem and confidence of his fellow men. Such a man is the prominent citizen of Greentown, Howard county, whom the biographer treats in this connection, and whose name is so intimately associated with the material and civic interests of the community where he has long resided, as to reflect great credit upon the town and vicinity, at the same time gaining the undivided respect

of all who know him for his well directed life, which has been along paths of honor and uprightness.

Anderson Willits, the well known ex-commissioner of Howard county, Indiana, was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, May 24, 1838, the son of Charles and Hannah (Kirlin) Willits, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia. The father of the subject spent his early life in Iowa and in 1847 moved to Henry county, Indiana, later moving to Liberty township, Howard county, where he remained until 1872. He was trustee of Jackson township in an early time when there were three trustees. He was a man of much influence in his community and made a success in whatever he undertook.

Anderson Willits was ten years old when he came with his parents to Liberty township, where he has since made his home having assisted his father in his work when a boy and attended the neighborhood schools, receiving a fairly good education, having been a diligent searcher after knowledge, but when he first started to school the New Testament was about the only text-book used. His work on the farm was carried on until he was twenty-one years old, helping to clear up the farm and transforming a comparatively poorly improved tract into productive fields.

The domestic life of our subject dates from 1856, when he was married to Harriet J. Hazard, who was reared in Henry county, Indiana, the daughter of a well known family, and where she received a common school education. Mrs. Willits was called from her earthly labors in 1884. Charles, one of their children, is a graduate of De Pauw University. He was also a student at Ann Arbor University, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is an attorney of much promise, and the future undoubtedly holds much in store for him. He is located in Pasadena, California. Leota, daughter of the subject, is also in California, working as a stenographer, having

formerly been a very capable teacher in Howard county's public schools; Dora is the wife of George Curlee, of Kokomo.

Mr. Willits was again married January 1, 1888, his second wife being Mary Lindley, who died in September, 1904. One daughter, Elsie Hays, who is twenty years old in 1908, was born to this union. She is keeping house for her father, and is a young lady of attractive personality.

The subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having faithfully served as trustee of the same for many years. In politics he is a Republican, in which party he has made his influence felt in local affairs, having served very efficiently as a member of the town board, also the school board and was elected county commissioner in 1893, serving with marked credit for a period of three years.

Mr. Willits started life with practically nothing, but being a man of indomitable energy and thrift, he has been successful rearing his children as they should have been reared, and at the same time got possession of a modern and nicely furnished home in Greentown and twenty acres of valuable land at the edge of the town. This land receives his careful attention and is one of the most desirable pieces of property in that vicinity. Mr. Willits is a pleasant and kind hearted man, having won hosts or friends, owing to his upright and well regulated life.

THE ARMSTRONG-LANDON COMPANY.

A corporation engaged in the mercantile business including hardware and farming implements and also manufacturers of all kinds of building material, are the successors, or rather a continu-

ation of a business started by A. F. Armstrong in the year 1855. Their place of business is the oldest in the city of Kokomo, and those engaged in the conduct of it are recognized as the only merchants now in business when the present proprietors became interested in it.

The present officers are: George W. Landon, president; Thomas C. Howe, vice-president; W. A. Easter, treasurer; H. McK. Landon, secretary; and Harry L. Moulder, assistant treasurer. As above stated, A. F. Armstrong was a partner in business with Dr. J. A. James, one of the pioneer physicians of the city, and Mr. Armstrong continued as the principal head of the business until the day of his death, in September, 1903. George W. Landon, the present president of the corporation, purchased an interest in the business in November, 1873, and became actively interested early in March, 1874, and he has been actively identified with the business from that date up to the present time, having been a member of all the succeeding firms and corporations. Thomas C. Howe, vice-president, married Mr. Armstrong's only daughter, and since Mr. Armstrong's death, has represented his interest in the business. Mr. Howe is well known as the president of Butler University at Irvington. W. A. Easter, treasurer, became identified with the business as a clerk early in the year of 1874, and has grown up with the business until at the present time he occupies one of the most important places in its conduct, having charge of the mercantile part of the business at the corner of Sycamore and Main streets, and is well known to almost every farmer in Howard county, coming more directly in contact with them than any other man in the conduct of the business. The secretary, H. McK. Landon, lives in Indianapolis, is the son of the president and is otherwise engaged in business in that city. Harry L. Moulder, assistant treasurer, began employment as a clerk in 1868 and has grown up until he now has

charge of the office work of the corporation, and has the confidence of all of the officers connected with the corporation. Thomas H. Penn is the superintendent of the manufacturing part of the corporation, whose factory is located on East Monroe street, where it crosses the Panhandle Railroad in the said city. He has been so employed since 1903, and is recognized as competent and efficient as a superintendent in the management of their manufacturing interest, and also as a skilled artisan, and is used largely for the purpose of assisting contractors in the supervision of plans and in the superintendency of the construction of buildings, and is of very beneficial assistance in this class of work to all of the corporation's customers.

HARDWARE INDUSTRY.

The mercantile interests of the Armstrong-Landon Company are conducted from their place of business at the corner of Main and Sycamore streets on the south side of the public square at Kokomo, Indiana. Their business room is constructed of brick and stone, covering a space of sixty-six by one hundred and thirty-two feet, a three-story and basement building, and is well suited and located to carry on the business for which the building was constructed. The business is of a wholesale and retail character, the trade extensions of both branches covering all the adjacent territory in this portion of the state. A computation of the different lines carried would involve a catalogue of many pages. Suffice it to say that for years this corporation has been the backbone of the agricultural and implement business of the surrounding counties. Outside of the hardware, stove and implement business, covering all classes of farming implements, as well as carriages, buggies, surreys, etc., they keep at this place almost all classes of building material outside of lumber, such as cement, sewer pipe, etc.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

At the factory and in their yards, this corporation carries one of the largest stocks of all kinds of lumber used in the manufacture of building material in this part of the state, and there is nothing used in the construction of a building in the way of wood material but what they are at all times able to furnish and supply in the promptest manner. The quality of the work which they perform is fully recognized and demonstrated by the fact that as a corporation they have constructed more public buildings and more first class residences in this city than all other dealers or contractors in this line of business. Their work not only covers the furnishing of ordinary building material, but includes all classes of interior finish, stairs and stair work, office work, counters, show cases, etc., and the quality of the hard wood lumber carried for this purpose is unexcelled, and is so well known that many dealers engaged in similar lines of business in other cities in the state purchase such material from them.

JACOB STAHL.

Among the successful, self-made men of Howard county whose efforts and influence have contributed to the material upbuilding and general business activity of their respective communities, the gentleman of whom the biographer writes in this connection occupies a conspicuous place. Being ambitious from the first, but surrounded by none too favorable environment, his early youth was not especially promising, but he accepted the discouraging situation without a murmur and, resolutely facing the future, gradually surmounted the difficulties in his way and in due time rose to a prom-

inent position in the industrial circles of his community, besides winning the confidence and esteem of those with whom he was brought in contact, and today he stands as one of Howard county's most representative citizens and one of the prominent men of Liberty township.

Jacob Stahl was born in Ripley county, Indiana, September 24, 1857, the son of Frederick and Catherine (Schrody) Stahl, the former having been born in Germany. Jacob Stahl, grandfather of the subject, was born April 12, 1802, and died June 12, 1870, in Ripley county, Indiana. Catherine Grimes, his wife, was born in Germany, November 8, 1803, and died September 8, 1885. Frederick Stahl, father of our subject, was born in Germany, December 26, 1832, and he died September 24, 1872. Catherine, his wife, was born March 18, 1831, and died February 27, 1875. The subject's grandfather came to America in 1852, first stopping at Wheeling, West Virginia. After coming to Ripley county, Indiana, he purchased timbered land, cleared it and farmed there until his death. He and his wife were the parents of three sons and one daughter, all living in 1908 except one son.

Jacob Stahl was reared on his father's farm and attended the common and grammar schools, receiving a fairly good education. His parents dying when he was a young man he was compelled to hustle for himself, consequently he went out in the world to make his own way, being compelled at the same time to look after his other brothers and sister. He came to Howard county March 1, 1876, having been preceded by George and Adam Stahl, uncles of the subject. Jacob lived with them for eight months, working in a tile mill; later he went to ditching, becoming a ditching contractor and also contracted in cutting cord wood, succeeding at both.

Mr. Stahl was united in marriage to Marrietta Smith, who was born at Sycamore, Jackson township, Howard county, April

5, 1850. Her father was a native of North Carolina and her mother of Tennessee. Mrs. Stahl received a fairly good common school education. To this union one child was born, the date of its birth occurring on May 19, 1881, and he bears the name Lawrence D. He received a common school education and later took a course in the business college at Marion, Indiana. He is a very promising young man.

The subject and wife had about eight hundred dollars when they were married. Receiving some from home the amount aggregated one thousand dollars. After renting land for three years the subject bought where he now lives, the place consisting of sixty acres. Later his wife received forty acres from the old home place.

The subject now has one of the best farms in Liberty township, having improved it to a high degree and installed an excellent drainage system of about eleven hundred rods of tile ditch. He feeds good stock on his place and of late his son, who married Tessie Cavaielt, has been running the farm, which is kept in a high state of productiveness and is well fenced. On it stands an excellent dwelling and convenient out buildings. Our subject has operated a threshing machine for three years with much success, and did a very large business with his machine in the season of 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Stahl are adherents to the Catholic faith. Fraternally our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the lodge at Greentown. His son, Lawrence, is also a member of this lodge. The former being one of the trustees of the same. He is also a member of the Red Men's lodge at Greentown, having served as treasurer of the same for five years.

Mr. Stahl and his son keep abreast of the times by general reading and they have found time to see something of the outside world, having attended the world's fair at St. Louis.

Mr. Stahl was nominated by his party for trustee of Liberty

township and had a majority against him of about sixty Republican votes. He is a friendly man and has a very large number of friends. He is known to be a man of upright principles and anxious to see his county develop in all lines. No one in Liberty township is better or more favorably known than he, for he has always taken a lively interest in local movements whether political, educational or moral and he can always be depended upon to lend his support and give of his valuable time in the furthering of all movements looking to the good of his community.

Mr. Stahl has shown what an honest, earnest, hard working man can accomplish, although he had to hew his own fortune from the obstacles that beset his way, for he started life with no great aid from any one, but he has been industrious and economical, so that today he has a comfortable competency and can look forward to an old age of comfort and quiet.

WILLIAM C. HOWELL.

The march of improvement is accelerated day by day, and each successive moment seems to demand of men a broader intelligence and a greater discernment than did the preceding, showing that successful men must be live men in this age, bristling with activity. The purpose of biography is to preserve the records of such men for the edification of succeeding generations; thus the lessons of biography may be far-reaching to an extent not superficially evident. A man's reputation is the property of the world, for the laws of nature have forbidden isolation. Every human being either submits to the controlling influence of others or wields an influence which touches, controls, guides or misdirects others. If he be honest and successful in his chosen field of endeavor, investigation will brighten his fame

and point the way along which others may follow with like success. Consequently it is believed that a critical study of the life record of the gentleman whose name appears above will be of benefit to the reader for it has been one of usefulness and honor.

William C. Howell was born on the farm where he now resides in Liberty township, section 22, Howard county, Indiana, August 26, 1871, the son of Tense and Elmore (Golden) Howell. Tense Howell was an early settler of Liberty township, having entered a farm here in section 33, near Greentown, erected a log cabin and cleared the land, transforming it into a good farm, which he sold and entered another eighty acres in section 22, clearing the major portion of it. This place was later sold and he bought one hundred and sixty acres in township 24, range 5 east. He resided on this until his death. He was an excellent farmer and became well known in his community. In politics he was a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church. He entered the Union army in 1863 and remained at the front until the close of the war, having been a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was engaged in the saw mill business for thirty-five years, and was a money maker at whatever he undertook. He was left an orphan at the age of eight years and was compelled to make his own way. His first wife died when our subject, William C. Howell, was four years old. Tense Howell was remarried but had no children by his second wife. Twelve children were born of the first union, six of whom are living in 1908.

William C. Howell was born on the farm where he now lives, and received his education in the common schools and at Greentown. Being a close student he received a good education, sufficient to successfully teach school. He remained with his father until his death and farmed on his father's place until he was married to Anna Julow, who is a native of Liberty township, Howard county, and the

daughter of E. H. and Amelia Inlow, the marriage ceremony having been performed April 11, 1864.

Three interesting children have been born to this union whose ages in 1908 are as follows: Ethel, twelve; Veda, ten; Clifton, five.

Mr. Howell owns eighty-five acres of good land which is highly productive and kept well improved by careful and skillful management. General farming and stock raising is carried on by the subject in a most successful manner. He has a good dwelling house and several convenient out buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell are members of the United Brethren church. Fraternaly Mr. Howell is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias at Greentown, Indiana. In politics he is a Republican and has taken an active part in local political matters for many years, having been elected trustee of Liberty township in 1904, and took office January 1, 1905. He has made a most excellent official, still holding the position, and has the lowest levy of any township in the county except Center. Nine schools are in this township in which the subject takes a great interest. He is well known throughout the county and is highly respected by all, having maintained a reputation for square dealing with his fellow men and being public-spirited and upright in all his relations with the world as well as in his private life.

WILLIAM E. RIDGEWAY.

To a great extent the prosperity of the agricultural sections of our country is due to the honest industry, the sturdy persistence, the unswerving perseverance and the wise economy which so prominently characterize the farming element in the Hoosier state.

Among this class may be mentioned the subject of this life record, who, by reason of years of indefatigable labor and honest effort has not only acquired a well merited material prosperity, but has also richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he is associated.

Mr. Ridgeway has preferred to spend his life in his native community, believing that richer opportunities existed near his own threshold than elsewhere, having been born in Ervin township, Howard county, Indiana, July 25, 1868, of noble parentage, his father being the well known "Squire" Ridgeway and his mother bore the maiden name of Mary Lee, the former being a native of Howard county and the latter of Kentucky. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Ervin township where their lives have been singularly happy and prosperous and where they still reside, being the proud parents of five children, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth. They were named as follows: Calvin, deceased; Jennie, deceased; William E., our subject; James, deceased; Nora.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm and educated in the common schools; being an ambitious lad from the first he succeeded admirably at his studies, laying a broad foundation for the subsequent building of a good education through home reading and habits of observation. The farm has always appealed to him as being the most independent life of all, and, having been taught much of how to successfully conduct a farm by his father, he began work on a farm of his own accord early in life and has always followed agricultural pursuits, now owning forty acres of well improved land which yields a good living, owing to the skillful management which it receives from year to year.

Our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony in Ervin township, December 20, 1887, to Cora Wilson, a daughter of Ambrose and Phoebe (Griffith) Wilson. Mrs. Wilson passed away in Ervin township after becoming the mother of seven children, of

whom the subject's wife was the third in order of birth, having been born December 25, 1866.

Two winsome and interesting children have been born to the subject and wife, brightening their hearth-stone not a little. They bear the pretty names of Gladie A. and Hazel R.

Being a man of recognized loyalty to his county, state and nation and a well read man, deeply versed especially in political matters, and a good mixer with his fellows, it is no wonder that Mr. Ridgeway was called upon to perform public service in his native community, consequently he was nominated and elected township trustee of Ervin township in 1894, which position he filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, having begun his official career in January, 1905. He has always voted with the Republican party, taking an active part in all the township offices and lending his time and influence in the support of the worthy candidates in each election.

The subject is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. In all his relations with the people of Howard county, whether public, fraternal or industrial, Mr. Ridgeway has shown that he is a man of the highest integrity and honesty and one in whom the utmost confidence can be reposed.

AARON DONALD HOBSON.

One of the leading citizens and representative farmers of Clay township, Howard county, Indiana, is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this brief review. His has been an eminently active and useful life, but the limited space at the disposal of the biographer forbids more than a casual mention of the leading events

in his career, which, in our opinion, will suffice to show what earnest endeavor and honesty of purpose rightly applied and persistently followed will lead to—unqualified success. .

Aaron Donald Hobson was born near New London, Monroe township, Howard county, April 10, 1804. His father was Elihu Hobson, who was a native of North Carolina, and his mother was Sarah King, a native of Maryland. They came to Howard county with their parents when both were quite young. When they grew up they married and settled in this county, where they still reside, having reached an advanced age. They reared a family of eight children, of whom our subject was the fifth in order of birth. He was reared in Monroe township and lived at home until he was twenty-four years old, assisting with the farm work and attending the neighborhood schools at intervals, receiving a good common school and academic education. He followed threshing for sixteen years and has since engaged in farming exclusively. He owns twenty-seven acres of good land.

Mr. Hobson was married in Howard county, November 24, 1887, to Addie M. Long, who proved to be a most worthy helpmeet. She was the daughter of Robert M. Long, an influential man in his community. After a faithful and happy life with the subject, Mrs. Long was called to her reward June 14, 1896. Two children were born to this union,—Russell M. and Mary F.

Mr. Hobson was again married November 10, 1897, to Ida May Davis, a woman of fine traits, the daughter of Ephraim Davis, of Tipton, Indiana, and to this union one daughter has been born, who answers to the name of Edna May.

Mr. Hobson has been a resident of Clay township since about 1890. He has filled the responsible position as trustee of his township in a most creditable manner since January 1, 1905. He is a member of the Friends church, and has always been in league with

the Republican party, and being a man well versed in general political affairs and a public-spirited citizen, his influence is always felt at local elections and he is looked upon as a man thoroughly in sympathy with any movement looking to the betterment or advancement in any way of his community, where he has always been regarded as a man of sterling honesty and worth and worthy of the utmost confidence and respect, which his fellow citizens have been free to accord owing to his upright and industrious life.

WILLIAM H. MILLER.

The record of the subject of this sketch is that of a man who, by his own unaided efforts, has worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of influence and comparative affluence in his community. His life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable methods he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens of Clay township, Howard county, whose interests he has ever had at heart and which he has always labored to promote.

William H. Miller was born in Rush county, Indiana, March 31, 1875. His father was Henry C. Miller, and his mother was Caroline Stewart in her maidenhood, both people of sterling worth and influence in the community. They were the parents of six children, of which our subject was the second in order of birth. He came with his parents to Howard county when ten years of age, living at home with his parents, working on their farm and attending the public schools until he was married, soon afterward settling on the farm where he now resides and where his life labors have been so effectively applied. Although his life work has been largely de-

voted to agricultural pursuits, our subject engaged in teaching for four years in Clay township, during which time he became well known as an able educator, having taught very successfully. His well improved and highly productive farm consists of eighty acres which yields the subject a comfortable living owing to its excellent management.

The date of Mr. Miller's marriage was March 21, 1900, and the ceremony was performed in Kokomo. His wife was Bettie Stewart, a native of Clay township and the daughter of John and Caroline (Townsend) Stewart, the former now deceased. Two bright and interesting children have been born into the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller. They are Miriam C. and Earl S.

Owing to the fact that the subject has long been a public-spirited man and known to be well versed in political matters and well up on current topics, together with his record of honor behind him, it is no wonder that he has been called upon by his fellow citizens of Clay township to fill positions of public trust. He is at present (1908) a member of the county council where his advice and influence has great weight in shaping the affairs of this important body. Mr. Miller has always been deeply interested in the affairs of the township and county, and he has lent his time and influence from election to election in assisting to place the best men in the offices which control local affairs. He has always been a loyal Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are consistent members of the Christian church where they are held in high favor and to which they are liberal subscribers.

Mr. Miller takes a deep interest in every movement having for its object the moral, educational or material advancement of his community. A man of many sterling traits of character, he is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

EMMET E. SWAFFORD.

At this point we enter brief record concerning another of the representative farmers of Clay township, Howard county, and aside from the positions which the subject occupies as a leading and highly esteemed citizen of the county, there is added interest attached to the resume of his career from the fact that he came here early in life and has seen the wonderful advancement of this section, having located here as one of the advanced guard of progress and material advancement and while he has benefited himself in a very material way in this locality, he has been of much value to the surrounding country owing to his public spirit and his loyalty to the support of any movements which have as their ultimate aim the bettering of the community in which he maintained his home.

Emmet E. Swafford was born in Union county, Indiana, September 21, 1861, the son of Archibald A. and Sarah (Burroughs) Swafford, both natives of Union county, this state, where they lived their useful and prosperous lives and where they both passed to their rest, after becoming the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject was the youngest.

Mr. Swafford was reared in Union county on his father's farm where he was taught the valuable lessons of agriculture, and also received the moral training at the hands of his worthy parents, which have done so much in successfully shaping his later life and rendering him a valuable citizen to the community where he makes his home. He received a good education in the common schools and at the Liberty high school, having remained at his parental fireside until he was twenty-six years old, at which time he came to Cass county, Indiana, where he remained one year, then settled in Clay township, Howard county, in the spring of 1889, where he has since resided, having always followed farming and agricultural pur-

suits which, needless to say, he has made a pronounced success, being regarded as one of the best farmers in his community and having one of the best improved farms in the township. It consists of one hundred and twenty acres, all very productive and of an excellent quality of soil.

Mr. Swafford was first married in Union county, Indiana, February 14, 1886, to Margaret Bicknell, who was called to her reward in Clay township, Howard county, February 28, 1864, and the subject was again married in Cass county, this state, January 1, 1866, to Flora A. Stanley. Two children were born to this union, both dying in infancy.

The subject has long taken an active part in political affairs, being a staunch Republican, and his influence is always felt at local elections, assisting as best he can to place good men in township and county offices.

Fraternally Mr. Swafford is a member of the Knights of Pythias, taking much interest in this lodge and endeavoring to live up to its worthy precepts in his daily life which has always been above reproach, standing as he does for honesty in business, politics and private life, which has gained for him the universal respect and esteem of a host of friends and acquaintances.

REUBEN PRESLEY ALEXANDER.

Specific mention is made of many of the worthy citizens of Howard county within the pages of this book, citizens who have figured in the growth and development of this favored locality and whose interests are identified with its every phase of progress, each contributing in his sphere of action to the well being of the com-

munity in which he resides and to the advancement of its normal and legitimate growth. Among this number is he whose name appears above, peculiar interest attaching to his career from the fact that his entire useful and busy life has been spent within the borders of this county.

Reuben Presley Alexander was born in Ervin township, Howard county, Indiana, October 2, 1850, the son of Joseph and Louisa (Fouch) Alexander, both natives of Kentucky, who settled in Howard county, Indiana, in 1852, where they lived useful and prosperous lives until their life records were brought to a close by the "grim reaper," the former dying March 20, 1885, and the latter September 3, 1902, in her eightieth year. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject was the seventh in order of birth. He was reared in Ervin township, where he received a liberal education in the common schools and at the New London high school, later attending the Danville Central Normal College, where he made a splendid record both for scholarship and deportment, gaining a fine education which has been of such great aid to him in his later life.

Mr. Alexander was united in the bonds of wedlock in Ervin township, February 25, 1903, to Louisa R. Crume, who was born in this township April 4, 1875, the accomplished daughter of George W. and Mahala M. (Norris) Crume, natives of Howard and Carroll counties, Indiana, respectively. They were people of much influence in their community and were the parents of seven children, of whom the wife of the subject was the youngest in order of birth.

Mr. Alexander settled on the farm where he now resides soon after his marriage. His farm consists of eighty acres of well improved and highly productive land, well fenced and drained, in short, one of the most desirable of the smaller farms of the county. On it

stand many convenient and substantial buildings which are kept in an excellent state of repair.

Being an educated man and consequently of much influence in the township, owing to his known interest in all movements having as their object the betterment of the locality where he resides, it is not at all strange that his friends and neighbors should call upon him to serve them in a public capacity, consequently he was a justice of the peace for two terms, serving in this role with the greatest alacrity and success, using rare soundness of judgment in his decisions which were never reversed by a higher tribunal.

Mr. Alexander has always taken a lively interest in the township offices, and he is a conspicuous figure at local conventions and elections. He has always been identified with and a loyal supporter of the Democratic party.

Although Mr. Alexander has always been identified with agricultural pursuits, he has found time in connection with this line of endeavor to teach school for a period of twenty-two terms all but two of which were taught in Ervin township, where he is regarded as one of the ablest educators to be found within the borders of this county, having established a firm reputation for excellent discipline, thorough training and an affable disposition. No man in Ervin township is more popular or held in any higher regard for his many manly attributes and sterling uprightness than the subject.

JOHN E. TARKINGTON.

It is an agreeable task for the biographer, and pleasant and profitable for the reader, to contemplate the life record of a person who has made a success of life and won the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. Such is the record, briefly stated, of the

well known agriculturist of Howard county, whose name appears above, than whom a more highly respected or popular man it would be difficult to find within the limits of Clay township where he has his home and where he has long been held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends and admirers.

John E. Tarkington was born in Monroe county, Indiana, October 30, 1837. His father was Eli P. Tarkington and his mother bore the name of Martha Gay in her maidenhood. The former was a native of Tennessee and the latter of North Carolina. They came to Howard county in 1851 and settled in Harrison township where they led well regulated and fairly successful lives, dying there several years ago, after becoming the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth. He lived at home until 1861 when he came to Clay township, where he has resided continuously to the present time, having made a pronounced success at farming and gained a reputation for industry and honesty. He now owns one hundred and ninety acres of well improved land and he has given two hundred and eighty acres away to his children. Thus we see that the life of our subject has been a very busy and well directed one, else he could not have secured such valuable property and so handsome a competence as he can claim. He has caused to be erected numerous convenient and substantial buildings on his farm. He is a believer in modern twentieth century methods in farming, consequently his skillful rotation of crops and other well known methods to our best agriculturists have made his farm productive and one of the richest in the township. Mr. Tarkington also has large numbers of excellent cattle, hogs and other stock on his farm, having always been a good judge of live stock and delighted to handle the same.

The subject was united in marriage in Harrison township, June 30, 1861, to Amelia A. Honey, who was born in Kentucky.

They were the parents of six children as follows: Mary Belle died at the age of eighteen months; Electa A., who became the wife of S. F. Wilson, died May 17, 1868. The third child was William E., living in Ervin township; Minnie C. is the wife of Ira F. Keisling of Clay township; Ernest P. lives in Clay township; Amelia M. died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarkington are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, where they are held in much esteem in the congregation. Mr. Tarkington is a Democrat in politics, but has never held nor aspired to official honors.

In public affairs the subject takes a deep interest. He unquestionably possesses the qualities which typify the gentleman and because of his upright life he has won and retained the friendship and respect of all who know him.

JOSEPH SHEWMON.

Agriculture has been the true source of man's dominion on earth ever since the primal existence of labor and been the pivotal industry that has controlled, for the most part, all the fields of action to which his intelligence and energy have been devoted. Among this sturdy element of Howard county whose labors have profited alike themselves and the community in which they live is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch, and in view of the consistent life record lived by the subject since coming to this section of the country, it is particularly fitting that the following short record of his career be incorporated in a book of this nature.

Joseph Shewmon was born in Preble county, Ohio, May 3,

1843. His father was Christian Shewmon and his mother was Anna Fall in her maidenhood, both natives of Preble county, Ohio, where the former passed away. The latter was called to her rest from Galveston, Cass county, this state. They became the parents of seven children, of whom our subject was the sixth in order of birth. They are remembered as people of much sterling worth who fought the obstacles of life courageously, and won, teaching their children the valuable lessons of persistency, economy and honesty, which principles have been dominating factors in their subsequent lives.

Joseph Shewmon, our subject, was reared in Preble county, Ohio, attending the neighboring schools in the winter months and assisting his father with the farm work on the old homestead until the tocsin of war sounded, which our subject could not bear without heeding, consequently, feeling that it was his duty to sever home ties, give up the prospects of business and defend his country's honor, enlisted May 2, 1862, in Company H, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and rendered gallant service with his regiment for three years, not caring to return from the front until the war was over. Among the more noted engagements in which he was involved were that sanguineous battle of Chickamauga and Stone River. At the former our subject was taken prisoner September 18, 1863, and was held a year and a half, during which time he was confined at Richmond, Virginia, Andersonville and Florence, South Carolina, also Danville, Virginia, where he was afflicted with the smallpox, which caused the loss of his left eye; but notwithstanding this sore affliction, Mr. Shewmon does not regret his service to his country.

After the war our subject returned to Indiana, locating in Cass county, where he engaged in the saw mill business until 1883, when he settled in Clay township, Howard county, buying eighty acres of swamp land which he improved by years of patient labor, transform-

ing it into a valuable farm on which he has erected numerous convenient and substantial buildings.

Mr. Shewmon was united in marriage in Cass county, December 25, 1867, to Mary M. Shaffer, who was a native of Clinton county, Indiana. Four children have been born to this union as follows: Charles, Hattie, who is the wife of Archie Vint; Daniel, Mary B. is the wife of Joseph Mills.

The subject is well versed in political subjects and has held the office of township trustee for two terms, having been elected on the Republican ticket which he has always supported. This office was filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, for it was looked after as carefully by Mr. Shewmon as if it had been his own private business. He has always taken an active interest in all township offices.

The subject is a prominent member of the Dan Pratt Post, No. 50, Grand Army of the Republican, at Galveston, having been commander of the organization for some time. By virtue of these honorary offices at the hands of his fellow countrymen in his township, we must conclude that our subject holds a high position of honor and trust among them else he would not have been called upon to fill such places, which usually go to men of sound moral and business principles.

THOMAS B. WEEKS.

An enumeration of the representative citizen of Howard county, Indiana, would be incomplete without specific mention of the well known and popular gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. A member of one of the old and highly esteemed families of the eastern part of the state and for many years a public-spirited man of

affairs, he has stamped the impress of his individuality upon the community and added luster to the honorable name which he bears, having always been scrupulously honest in all his relations with his fellow men and leaving no stone unturned whereby he might benefit his own condition as well as that of his neighbors and friends, consequently he has long ago won the favor of a great number of people of Jackson township where he maintains his home.

Thomas B. Weeks was born in Dublin, Wayne county, Indiana, September 9, 1843, the son of Thomas and Lydia (Griffin) Weeks, both natives of North Carolina. They were married before coming to Wayne county, Indiana. Thomas B. Weeks was eight years old when his father died and seventeen when his mother passed away. He went to live with B. J. Gentry, with whom he made his home for many years, attending school and working on the farm in the meantime until he secured a fairly good common school education, notwithstanding the fact that his school days were more limited than other boys of his time, yet he was a close student and took advantage of his opportunity.

Mr. Weeks was united in marriage in 1866 to Martha A. De-bored, who was born in September, 1848, in Tennessee. Her parents were natives of Virginia, who came to Tennessee and later to Henry county, Indiana. Mrs. Weeks first attended the country schools and then the graded schools at Spiceland. They had nothing when they were married and were compelled to borrow money on which to go to housekeeping, but being industrious and thrifty they soon had a good start and have always made a comfortable living at the same time laying by for their old age which promises to be one of ease and pleasure to both. They lived eight years in Rush county where they rented land and farmed. In 1874 they moved to Howard county and purchased eighty acres, the east half of the southeast quarter of section 35, township 24 north, range 6

east, for which they paid twelve hundred dollars. The land was wet and was not well drained, but Mr. Weeks soon had it well improved; it now has about fifteen hundred rods of drainage ditch, and all the old buildings have been replaced by modern and substantial ones. The place is very productive and is worth, conservatively estimated, one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. The fact that he paid only forty-five dollars per acre shows that Mr. Weeks has been a good manager and exercised rare soundness of judgment in building up the place to a modern farm. He has looked well to the rotation of crops, alternating his crops of corn and wheat with clover and grass. His entire farm shows thrift and close attention and is equal in every respect to any in Jackson township.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, four of whom are living in 1908. They are Emery O., Deborah May, Bertha J. and Thomas O. All are married and none are living near their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks are members of the Christian church at Jerome, having first joined the Buck Creek church in Henry county, this state. Mr. Weeks is a member of the Red Men's lodge at Greentown. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, but at one time was a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks are quiet unassuming people, upright and pleasant in their home life, and they have the undivided respect and friendship of all who know them.

JOHN W. CROUSSORE.

It is with pleasure that the biographer has an opportunity to place before the readers of this work the life record of the honorable gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph, for he is deemed eminently worthy of representation along with the best and

most industrious citizens of Howard county, owing to the fact that he belongs to the energetic and enterprising class that has made this favored section one of the most noted and richest in the great Hoosier state. Enjoying distinctive prestige as a farmer and contractor, he has achieved marked success, while his practical intelligence, mature judgment and sound business principles have had much to do in moulding public sentiment in the community where he has long maintained his home.

John W. Croussore is a native of Center township, Howard county, Indiana, where he was born October 23, 1848, the son of Stephen and Ruth (Langley) Croussore. Believing that better opportunities were to be found right at his door than in other states, our subject preferred to spend his life on his native heath, and judging from the manner in which his successful business career has been spent, he was wise in making such a decision. Stephen Croussore, father of the subject, was born in Ohio and came to Howard county, Indiana, in 1843, entering land in Center township, building a log cabin on his place. He afterward improved two farms in Center township and built two brick residences there in which he lived until he came to Liberty township in 1881. He became comparatively wealthy later in life and was a man of considerable influence in his community. He died in Liberty township. He was a member of the Christian church, having been faithful in his relations to the same until his death. There were six sons and two daughters in this family who reached maturity, of whom five are living in 1908, four sons and one daughter.

John W. Croussore was raised on the farm, working in the crops in season and attending the country schools in winter, receiving a fairly good education.

When twenty-one years old he began renting land which he continued to do for some time. He was always successful at farm-

ing and he now owns a valuable and highly improved farm of seventy acres, being part of the old farm owned by his father. It has been well tilled, crops have been rotated and the soil kept up to a high state of productiveness. On this farm stands a substantial frame dwelling and many convenient out buildings. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is regarded as an extraordinarily good judge of stock, especially horses and cattle.

When a young man Mr. Croussore began contracting and many of the excellent streets of Kokomo and Tipton were built by him, besides many gravel roads. He moved to Liberty township many years ago where he now lives and besides his farming, he still continues to do considerable contracting.

Our subject was married in Howard county, February 25, 1872. His wife was Rebecca Lang, daughter of James and Susan (Austin) Lang, natives of Pennsylvania, who were among the pioneers of Indiana and Howard county and where they passed the balance of their lives.

In politics Mr. Croussore is a Democrat, and although he is loyal to his party principles, he has never taken an active part in local politics or aspired to public office. He is known to all as an honest, upright, industrious man and is a highly respected citizen of the county where he has always resided and where he has been eminently successful.

JOSEPH HINKLE.

The record of the subject of this review is that of an enterprising gentleman who worthily upholds an honorable family name and whose life has been very intimately associated with the material prosperity and moral advancement of Liberty township, How-

ard county, Indiana, during the most progressive period of its history, and he has always been found on the right side of questions looking to the development of his community in any way, and while he has been prominent in the industrial affairs of the county, he has at the same time won an enviable reputation for honesty and wholesome living. He is one of the patriotic sons of the North who served in saving the national government in the troublous sixties.

Joseph Hinkle was born in Delaware county, Indiana, December 4, 1845, the son of Ziba and Abigail (Barrett) Hinkle. The Hinkle family originally lived in Ohio, who emigrated to Delaware county, Indiana, later coming to Howard county in October, 1856. The father of the subject is still living in 1908, and is known as a man of much sterling ability and honorable character.

Joseph Hinkle was eleven years old when he came with his parents to Howard county. He worked on the farm during the summer months and attended the country schools during the rest of the year until he received a fairly good education. He learned the plasterer's trade, which he has always followed in connection with farming. He has also long operated a threshing machine and saw mill. In whatever he has undertaken he has carried it through to success, having always made a comfortable living and laid by a competency which will insure his old age free from worry or inconvenience.

Desiring to take part in the great struggle between the states, doing what he could in defense of the flag, Mr. Hinkle enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the spring of 1865. His regiment was in Kentucky most of the time, where it rendered good service. At the close of the war our subject returned home. For his services he receives twelve dollars per month.

Mr. Hinkle was united in marriage on December 31, 1878, to

Sarah L. Kilgore, and to this union nine children were born, eight of them are still living at the time of this writing. Mrs. Hinkle was called from her earthly labors in March, 1900, and our subject has never remarried.

Fraternally Mr. Hinkle is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the lodge at Greentown, and he has passed the chairs both in the subordinate and the encampment, and has represented both in the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Willets Post, No. 424, at Greentown. In politics he is a Socialist, but was raised a Democrat.

Mr. Hinkle is a man of few words, but he makes friends easily owing to his upright life and kindness, and he is one of the most highly respected citizens of Howard county, where he has spent the major portion of his life.

JOHN HOLLIDAY.

In writing a work of so great a magnitude as is here intended, it is but fair to note the life and character of a man who has been brought up without a mother's care, having been compelled to hew his own way through trials and difficulties and obstacles of various kinds, which the subject has done admirably well, as we shall see, for he has demonstrated beyond a doubt what one can do who has a well defined purpose, energy, persistency and who does not admit the word fail to his category.

John Holliday first saw the light of this world in the adjoining county of Grant, the date of his birth occurring on July 25, 1800. On the day of his birth his mother died and he was given to Jesse Ware, who took him as his own to rear, he coming to Howard

county in 1842 and entered a piece of timbered land in Union township, where he erected a cabin and began to clear the land which he converted into a productive farm. Here it was that John Holliday was reared and when he became of sufficient age looked to his duties on the farm during the summer months and in the winter attended the district schools until he had received a fairly good common school education. When he arrived at the age of twenty-one Mr. Ware gave him forty acres of land.

The domestic life of Mr. Holliday dates from 1881, when he was united in marriage with Josie Willits, a native of Howard county, and a daughter of a highly respected and influential family. Our subject and wife moved upon the farm and for five years Mr. Holliday gave his entire attention to farming, making a decided success of this work. When natural gas was obtained in the vicinity of Greentown he left his farm and moved there, believing that greater opportunities awaited him in another field. He entered the hardware business which was the first store of its kind in that town. He followed this line of business with much success until 1893, when he disposed of his stock and accepted a position as salesman for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company. While thus engaged his political friends nominated him for trustee of Liberty township and in the following November he was elected, filling this office of trust with entire satisfaction to his constituents and every one concerned for a period of six years. He then retired from the office and was a private citizen until he was elected a member of the county council, which position he now holds in 1908, exercising great influence as a result of his position. When Mr. Holliday resigned his position with the McCormick company he entered the buggy business in which he remained with the usual success attending his efforts until 1898, at which time he entered the grain business in which he is still engaged. In 1908 he rebuilt a substantial

and mammoth plant in the eastern part of Greentown, where he is conducting a large business. This furnishes a home market to all that the neighboring farmers produce.

Three children have been born to the subject and wife, one son, Glen, who is twenty-five years old, is married and has one daughter. He is a partner in the elevator business with his father and is a young man of much business ability. Besides this business our subject has a fine farm of eighty acres in Liberty township which he manages and keeps well improved.

Fraternally Mr. Holliday is allied with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Eagles. He has passed the chairs of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Holliday has a wide acquaintance and hosts of friends as a result of his jovial disposition, his kindness, honesty and uprightness and his unquestioned business ability, being one of the most highly respected citizens of Howard county where he has spent the major portion of his useful and busy life.

MRS. MINNIE COLESCOTT McKNETT.

The name of this estimable lady is a familiar sound to the people of Howard county, Indiana, and the brief record of her life outlined in the following paragraphs will doubtless be read with interest by the many friends and acquaintances who have learned to prize her for her beautiful character and useful life, which has been as an open book in which there are no pages marred or soiled by conduct unbecoming true womanhood, and whose influence has al-

ways made for the good of the large circle of friends with whom she associates.

Mrs. McKnett is a native of Liberty township, this county, where she was born May 6, 1873, on the farm where she now resides. She is the daughter of John and Celia (Wooters) Colescott, who were natives of Caroline county, Maryland, the former having been born there September 10, 1821, and the latter on December 8, 1826. She still survives at the age of seventy-nine years in 1908, and is making her home on the old home farm in Liberty township, section 30, with her daughter, our subject, who delights in caring for the estimable old lady whose influence has always been wholesome and uplifting, being known to all as a woman of sterling qualities and loved by all her neighbors.

John W. Colescott was married to Celia Wooters January 12, 1847. Prior to this marriage he had lived in Fayette county, Indiana, and came to Howard county about 1842, later returning to Maryland, and after his marriage he came with his wife to Fayette county, Indiana, where he established a store which he maintained successfully until 1850 when he moved to Howard county where he purchased timbered land and soon set about improving it. Being an industrious man he soon had the land transformed into a good farm, and later he purchased the farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres where his daughter, our subject, now resides. He improved this land by ditching until the farm now has more than six miles of tile ditch on it and he improved it in many ways until it was equal to any farm in the community in point of improvements and richness of soil and the soil has since been kept up to its original high state of productiveness.

Our subject was reared upon this farm and helped with the household duties in her girlhood days, attending school during the winter months, later attending the schools in Greentown until she

had a fairly good common school education, for she applied herself diligently to her books and always made excellent grades.

In 1905 Minnie Colecott was united in marriage with W. R. McKnett, a man of pleasing personality and considerable influence in his community. To this union one daughter was born January 22, 1906, who is a winsome and promising child.

John W. Colecott served as justice of the peace for many years and was regarded by all who knew him as a man of many good qualities. He was called from his earthly labors on January 7, 1894.

Mrs. McKnett is a woman of unusual tact and soundness of judgment, this coupled with her industry and gracious personality renders her popular in her neighborhood and has won and retained hosts of friends throughout Liberty and adjoining townships.

CHARLES F. CRANOR.

Practical industry, wisely and vigorously applied, never fails of success. It carries a man onward and upward, brings out his individual character and acts as a powerful stimulus to the efforts of others. The greatest results in life are often attained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance. The everyday life with its cares, necessities and duties, affords ample opportunities for acquiring experience of the best kind and its most beaten paths provide a true worker with abundant scope for effort and improvement. This fact having been recognized early in life by the subject of this sketch he has seized the small opportunities that he encountered on the rugged hill that leads to life's lofty summit where lies the ultimate goal of success, never attained by the weak, ambitionless and inactive. Mr. Cranor

is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise in Howard county, Indiana, with that discretion and energy which are sure to find their natural sequence in definite success, and in such a man there is particular satisfaction in offering in their life histories justification for the compilation of works of this character—not necessarily that the careers of men of Mr. Cranor's type have been such as to gain them wide reputation or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to the trusts reposed in them, have shown such attributes of character as entitled them to the regard of all and have been useful in their respective sphere of action, while at the same time he has won and retained the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact as a result of his industrious and upright career.

Charles F. Cranor was born in Wayne county, Indiana, August 21, 1856, the son of Moses and Mary (Cate) Cranor, a well known and influential family of that locality. The great grandfather of the subject was a native of Ireland, who came to America in an early day, settling in North Carolina, where the grandfather of the subject was born. The grandfather emigrated to Wayne county, Indiana, and the father of the subject came on to Howard county in 1860, locating in Jackson township, where he purchased land in section 25, owning as much as four hundred acres at first. He was a thrifty, hard-working man and conservative in his business dealings, but was eminently successful and was of considerable influence in his community. He was an active worker in the Democratic party and was at one time assessor of Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cranor were the parents of eight children, four sons and two daughters of whom are living in 1908.

Charles F. Cranor, our subject, was four years old when he was brought to Jackson township by his parents and he has been living here continuously ever since, preferring to remain on his

native heath rather than seek uncertain success in other fields of endeavor. He assisted with the farm work on the home place and attended school during the winter months. He made an excellent record in the country schools and secured education enough to enable him to successfully teach school in Howard county, teaching one term in Jackson township. He soon won popularity as a teacher, being liked by the pupils in general, knowing well how best to manage them so as to get the best results and at the same time retain their confidence and good will.

Mr. Cranor remained a member of the family circle until he reached maturity, and in 1884 turned his attention to farming. He was also in the mercantile business, which he made a success. He was also in the tile manufacturing business for awhile. He built the elevator at Sycamore and has been actively engaged in the grain business up to the present time, furnishing a good market to the farmers in this section for their products. In whatever line of business the subject has been engaged he has shown rare soundness of judgment and a thorough knowledge of business affairs, making every venture a success and winning the confidence of his patrons by his scrupulously honest methods and courteous treatment.

In politics Mr. Cranor is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, with which he has been affiliated from the time of attaining his majority, and having been animated with the laudable ambition for official preferment his party nominated him for commissioner of the third district in 1908 and the fact that he became the Democratic nominee of the same resulted in much gratification to members of both parties for his nomination was regarded as a most fortunate one. He has ever lent what aid he could in furthering the party cause, and is well fortified in his political convictions, while he is essentially public-spirited and progressive.

The happy and harmonious domestic life of Mr. Cranor dates from November 4, 1877, when he was united in marriage with Mary A. Henry, a native of Rush county, Indiana, and the representative of a highly respected and influential family. Mrs. Cranor is a woman of many attractive traits and admirable attributes and she presides over the comfortable, modern, well furnished and cozy home of this cheerful family with modest grace and dignity. Three bright and interesting children have been born to the subject and wife, one boy and two girls, all still members of the family circle. Their names are Howard, Geneva and Mazey.

Mr. Cranor is a quiet, unassuming man, and useless to add that he is highly respected by all who know him, not only in Jackson township, but throughout Howard and adjoining counties, among whom he has spent nearly his entire active and useful life, in all the relations of which he has been found faithful to every trust confided in him and because of his sterling worth, uncompromising integrity, courteous manners and pleasant disposition he has won and retains the warm regard of all with whom he associates, the latter including the best people of this locality.

J. HARVEY CRAGUN.

The office of biography is not to give voice of a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave upon the record the verdict establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his neighbors and fellow citizens. The life of the honorable subject of this review has been such as to elicit just praise from those who know him best, owing to the fact that he has always been loyal to trusts imposed upon him and has

been upright in his dealing with his fellow men, at the same time lending his support to the advancement of any cause looking to the welfare of the community at large.

J. Harvey Cragun has preferred to devote his life labors to the land of his birth rather than seek uncertain fortune in other fields for his life has been spent in Howard county, Indiana, where he was born July 2, 1850, the son of John R. and Ellen I. (Slider) Cragun. The Slider family came to Howard county in 1847 and the Cragun family about three years later. They located in Kokomo. The father started in business as a wagon maker, the firm being known as Todd & Cragun, it being one of the first business of this nature in Howard county. Later Mr. Cragun bought his partner's share and conducted the business alone. It was located on Sycamore street, opposite the Sipes theater. He purchased a residence in 1852 and his children were born there. It is located on East Mulberry street, which is now owned by Peter E. Hoss. Mr. Cragun later disposed of his shop and was engaged in various lines of business. He spent the remainder of his life in Howard county, dying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Murphy, in Union township, with whom he had lived three years prior to his death which occurred November 14, 1907, his wife having preceded him to the silent land in September, 1904. They were married September 20, 1855. Mrs. Cragun was born in Clark county, Indiana, February 15, 1834, and the date of his birth is recorded as December 10, 1820, at Franklin, Indiana. He always took an active part in politics and served as assessor of Center township for several terms. Three sons and one daughter were born to this union, namely: J. Harvey, our subject; John A., of Kingman, Kansas; Elmer E., of Cunningham, Kansas; Emma J., wife of George Murphy, of Union township.

Our subject was reared in Kokomo where he attended school

and assisted his father who was a street contractor, also built sidewalks, later our subject contracted along the same line with his father who later bought a stock of groceries in the management of which his son assisted. Our subject then went to Kansas, where he took up one hundred and sixty acres of land in Kingman county, the personal tax of the subject at that time was only sixty-four cents. Later the subject returned to Indiana.

Mr. Cragun was united in marriage November 11, 1880, to Sarah J. Matchette, a native of Grant county, Indiana, where she was born May 12, 1853, and was reared on a farm, assisting with the household work when a girl, attending the country schools in the winter months, receiving a fairly good education. Her parents came to Grant county in an early day and remained there on the same farm until the father of Mrs. Cragun died. To Mr. and Mrs. Matchette eight children were born, an equal number of boys and girls, all living in 1908. They bear the following names: Louis, Mary A., Sarah J., Elisha M., Caroline, Elizabeth E., John E. and Walter D.

Mr. and Mrs. Cragun have never had any children. They raised Dan Matchette, who is a nephew of Mrs. Cragun. He was given a good education and reared as if he had been their own child. He married the daughter of Jacob Moss and they have three daughters, namely: Sarah Ellen, born January 26, 1903; Olive born March 6, 1904; Florence L., born October 7, 1905.

Mrs. Cragun is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Sycamore. In politics the subject is a loyal Republican, but has never been active in his party. However, he was the nominee of his party for county commissioner for the third district in 1908 and his nomination was regarded by all to be a most fortunate one.

Mr. and Mrs. Cragun began their married life with practically nothing, but they have always been industrious and thrifty and they

now own one of the most productive and highly improved farms in Jackson township, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, on which stand a modern and well furnished dwelling and convenient out buildings. The place is well fenced and well drained and otherwise up to the standard of Howard county's best farms. On July 12, 1908, misfortune came to Mr. Cragum by the destruction of his barn by fire. He recently completed a new modern building fifty-six by sixty feet, with four foot cement walls.

Mr. Cragum is regarded as one of the leading men of his community in every respect, being public-spirited, honest and upright in all his dealings with the world and of pleasing address, winning friends wherever he goes and always retaining their esteem. Mrs. Cragum is also much admired by those who know her for her congeniality and high womanly traits.

WILLIAM WOOTERS.

Not alone are those worthy of biographic honors who have moved along the loftier planes of action, but to an equal extent are those deserving who are of the rank and file of the world's workers, for they are not less the conservators of public prosperity and material advancement. Through all the graduations of life recognition should be had of the true values, and then should full appreciation be manifested, for there can be no impropriety in scanning the acts of, if it be done justly, any man as they effect his public, social and business relations. In the collection of material for the biographical department of this publication there has been a constant aim to use a wise discrimination in regard to the selection of subjects and to exclude none worthy of representation in its pages.

Here will be found mention of worthy citizens of all vocations, and at this juncture we are permitted to offer a resume of the career of one of the substantial and highly esteemed representatives of the agricultural interests of Howard county, where he has maintained his home for the past thirty years at the time of this writing, 1908, and where he has not only attained a high degree of success in his chosen field of labor and enterprise, but also established an imperishable reputation for uprightness in all the relations of life.

William Wooters was born in Caroline county, Maryland, February 6, 1834, the son of Smith and Nancy (Griffin) Wooters. The subject was only a small boy when his father died, and he was but seven years old when his mother passed away. The subject was bound out to his grandfather and went to live with an uncle, Mathew Wootres, and in 1845 he came with John W. Colescott to Comersville, Indiana, where he worked ten months on the canal at seven dollars per month. He then worked for John W. Colescott, driving a huxter wagon. He remained in Fayette county for a number of years, and he was married in that county to Nancy Stockdale, a native of Fayette county. She was born May 27, 1834, and she died in Howard county March 5, 1905. They moved from Fayette county to Tipton county in 1858. They lived on a farm of forty acres in the latter county and later bought forty acres more, where he successfully farmed until 1878, when he came to Liberty township, Howard county, buying sixty acres of good land in section 32, and he has been living here ever since, gradually improving his farm until it is now in a high state of productiveness and shows that a man of good judgment and thrift has managed it. A good dwelling house is on the place, also several comfortable and substantial outbuildings. Mr. Wooters always took a delight in keeping good stock.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wooters as follows: William A., whose date of birth was in 1855, and Charles A., who

was born in 1858. The latter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally is a Mason, also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men.

William Wooters, our subject, is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and also the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his son, Charles A., have passed the chairs in the last named lodge.

Mr. Wooters, our subject, and his son Charles A. are both loyal Democrats, neither have been active, preferring to spend their lives quietly on the farm.

Our subject is a man of scrupulously honest principles and he has gained and held many loyal friends by his well regulated life.

LEWIS JENKINS.

Among the thriving farmers and stock raisers of Howard county, Indiana, the gentleman whose name introduces this article is especially conspicuous. Few men of his experience have achieved such marked results, none occupy a more prominent place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men, and it is safe to presume that his example and influence have done as much, if not more, than any other agency in the vicinity of Greentown where he maintains his home, to promote the interests of agriculture; that he has honored the township of his residence by his life of industry and successful endeavor is freely conceded by all who know him.

Lewis Jenkins was born in the twenty-ninth ward of the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1860, the son of Lewis and Rosanna (Tress) Jenkins. The former was born in Llanddewey, Wales. The grandmother's maiden name was Mary Lewis.

The genealogy of the Tress family follows: Gottlieb Tress was born in Gross Aspach, Oberant Bamang, Kingdom of Wurtemberg. He was married in Pittsburg to Christina Wicklen, who was from Oberwersich, the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Oberant Bamang. A daughter was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, July 2, 1833, named Caroline Tress, who was baptized July 25th of that year by Reverend Schwartz, the parents themselves acting as godfather and godmother. At Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1835, was born a daughter, who was baptized as Louisa, June 21st on the same year by Pastor Dambereck in Allegheny. Angelinal Suthern. The pastor acted as godfather and godmother. At Pittsburg, on May 6, 1837, a daughter was born and baptized September 24, 1837, by Pastor Heier, the daughter's name being Rosina, the pastor acting as godfather and godmother. Angelinal Suthern. At lower St. Clair township, Coal Hill, next to Pittsburg, in 1839, was born a daughter on December 17th, who was baptized by Pastor Schmidt, April 19, 1840, named Johanna Fredericka. Angeheal Suthern. Godfather Frederick Wolf and godmothers, Mrs. Wolf and Fredericka Bateraffen. Eva Christina Tress died in 1842, at the age of thirteen months. Godfather Adam Scherp and godmother Mrs. Adam Scherp. Gottlieb Tress died at the age of ten months and a few days. He was born July 4, 1843. Godparents, father and mother. John Daniel Tress was born in lower St. Clair township, January 15, 1843, and was baptized on the 28th of January, 1844, by the Rev. Finsee. Angelical Suthern. Godfather Adam Dierwaldt. Godmother Mrs. Adam Dierwaldt. In lower St. Clair township Adam Tress was born September 10, 1845, and baptized on October 6th of the same year by Rev. Finsee, of Pittsburg, the godparents being Adam Drenold and wife. At Birmingham, February 8, 1850, was born a son, Jacob Tress, who was bap-

tized August 23, 1850. On August 23, 1854, was born a daughter and baptized three days later as Cecelia Fress.

The above chronicle is of the German side of the subject of our review, who had but few opportunities to attend school in his boyhood, but later he has educated himself in a practical way by coming in contact with the world and by home reading, so that he has become a very able business man and talks entertainingly and intelligently on any current topic.

Mr. Jenkins began working at the glass business at the age of nine years and by economy and hard work he has been able to lay by enough until he is today in easy circumstances financially, having long ago developed into a good business man.

The subject was happily married in 1884 to Margaret Elizabeth Anthony, a native of Pittsburg, a woman of Welsh parentage and possessing many admirable traits. Her father was a native of Wales. The names of her parents were Edward and Mary (Evans) Anthony.

To the subject and wife have been born the following children: Ethel May, born in 1888; Rosanna, born in 1889; Lewis E., born in 1892; Margareta, born in 1895, and Edward A., born in 1906. Ethel May and Rosanna are graduates of the Greentown high school. They are bright and interesting children. They and their mother are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Jenkins has provided his family with a modern, splendid and well furnished home on East Main street, where they have resided for some time.

The subject now devotes all his time looking after his farms, which are well kept and under a high state of cultivation, owing to his skillful management and careful attention. In politics, our subject is a staunch Republican, but he does not take an active part in political matters. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Eagles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are pleasant people and have hosts of friends as a result of the kindness, uprightness and loyalty to the state and nation, being held in high esteem by all who know them.

BENJAMIN LLOYD MUGG.

Although no section of the Hoosier state is richer in opportunities or offers greater advantages to its citizens than does Howard county, success is not here to be obtained through desire alone, but is to be persistently worked for. The subject of this review may be reckoned among the sterling pioneers of this county, having lived here his entire life, nearly three score years to the time of this writing (1908), having preferred to remain on his native hills and he has here worked his way to success and prosperity, while he has so ordered his course in all the relations of life as to command the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

Benjamin Lloyd Mugg was born in Howard county February 4, 1850, the son of William and Jemima E. (Cummings) Mugg. Grandfather Mugg was born in Kentucky, while grandfather Cummings hailed from Massachusetts. The former came to Owen county, Indiana, in an early day, owning a farm there where he made his home and reared his children, about eight in number. He is supposed to have been a soldier in the War of 1812. He reached a good old age. Grandfather Cummings also came to Owen county in an early day, farmed there and raised a large family, dying at an advanced age. He was recognized by everyone who knew him as being a high grade farmer even for that early time. The subject's grandparents were devout church people.

The father of the subject received his early education in Owen

county, where he afterward taught school for a time. He remained with his father on the farm until he married, when he came to Howard county as one of its pioneers of about 1845, entered land and built a log cabin, later going back to Owen county. He and his family cleared most of the one hundred and sixty acres before his death, also draining the land and in many ways improving it until it was a first class farm in every respect. This family consisted of four children, three of whom grew to maturity. The subject's parents were strict Baptists and the father was a Democrat before the war and afterward a Republican. He died at the age of seventy-three. The age reached by the subject's mother was seventy-five years, who survived her husband a few years.

Benjamin Lloyd Mugg attended the district schools in Howard county and worked on the old home farm where he was raised and has lived there ever since, a part of which he inherited and the balance of his present farm he has since purchased, the place now consisting of one hundred and ten acres. He and his wife formerly owned an adjoining farm on which they built a beautiful frame house which is now owned by his son-in-law.

The subject's farm is well fenced with wood and wire and the soil is in a high state of productiveness, having always been well cultivated. Clover is at present largely raised. He has never raised either timothy or oats, believing that both are detrimental to the soil, and he claims that clover hay is both superior for both horses and cattle.

No better buildings are to be seen on any farm than on that of our subject, all of which he erected himself, in fact, the stranger will see by a most cursory glance at Mr. Mugg's place that a man of thrift, energy and sound judgment manages it, for no more up-to-date farm is to be found in Howard county.

Mr. Mugg was united in marriage September 3, 1871, to

Sophia Ware, daughter of Jesse and Phoebe (Moore) Ware. She is a native of Howard county, this family having consisted of three girls. Her father recently passed away at an advanced age, having been known as a high class farmer and an upright gentleman.

Five children have been born to the subject and wife, three of whom died in infancy. Iona is the widow of B. G. Armstrong and the mother of two sons, all of whom make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Mugg; Iza is the wife of William L. Wilcox, who lives on the farm formerly owned by our subject and wife. They have three children.

The year our subject was eighteen his father allowed him to plow ten acres of land and raise his first crop of corn which measured one hundred twenty-three and one-half bushels to the acre and received the first premium at the Howard county fair for corn raised by a boy, receiving twenty dollars cash as a premium. He has been raising Poland China hogs for thirty-eight years. He always attended the local fairs, exhibiting his hogs, until after the Chicago World's Fair. He received fourteen premiums at the World's Fair and won two grand champion premiums on that breed of hogs. He still keeps his registered hogs, which are as fine as can be found anywhere. He has not been exhibiting at fairs for several years but he is always a judge of hogs at fairs. He does not feed hogs, but raises and sells them for breeders.

Our subject likes to tell of the early days of his parents, which were spent without any of the conveniences of the present time. They neither had cook stove nor utensils and their beds were straw, spread on poles, one end of which was driven into an augur hole in the logs of the house and the other end fastened to an upright pole. The furnishings were of the most primitive sort and the days when they were raising their family were spent in what we of today would call poverty, being without conveniences and many

of the real necessities of life. But here the subject received valuable lessons of fortitude and courageous persistence that have enabled him to surmount all obstacles in his later life, having worked his way up to a position of prominence in his community and comparative affluence, having ever maintained a high order of living and dealt fairly and honestly with his fellow men until no man in Howard county today stands higher in general public esteem. While he has never sought public office he has always been a loyal Republican and ever assisted in furthering the interests of his community whether in a political, moral or social way, and no more praise-worthy citizen is to be found in Howard county.

JACKSON MORROW.

The subject of this sketch is one of those strong, self-reliant and determined characters who are occasionally met with and who are of such a distinct type as to seem to be born leaders of their fellow men. Not that Mr. Morrow courts that distinction, for he is entirely unassuming, but his great force of character and his zeal and energy in whatever he undertakes naturally places him at the head of the crowd and he has been a potent factor in the development of Howard county, where he has long maintained his home and where he is well known to all classes for his honorable and industrious life, in both private and public.

Jackson Morrow was born March 3, 1849, just south of the village, now the city of Kokomo, the son of Charles and Sarah (Lame) Morrow, pioneers of this section, and people of many sterling qualities and honorable standing in the community, having moved to Howard county in 1845. They were hard workers and

took the obstacles of the new country as a matter of course and soon overcame many of them, establishing a comfortable home in the wilderness.

The boyhood of our subject differed in no material respect from that of other boys in the country, especially those who were contemporaneous with him in the new territory. He assisted his father in clearing and draining the farm and in the rude and old-style methods of farming in those pioneer days. When he was eight years of age he attended a two months' term of winter school in a log cabin, with rude benches for seats, puncheon floors and other similar furnishings. A. L. Sharp, now a resident of Kokomo, was his teacher. His only text-book was the well known "Elementary Spelling Book." The school year in the country at that time and for some years afterward was three months. The boys were necessarily detained at home to assist with the farm work until wintry weather stopped them from working out doors, and thus very few farmers' boys had the advantage of even three months school attendance in a year. When fifteen years of age Mr. Morrow attended a fall term of school at the Kokomo Normal, of which Professor Fay was principal. Our subject walked to and from school, it being three miles distant to his country home, making the trip morning and evening. When sixteen years old he was granted a two years' license to teach, and his first experience was teaching a country school near Alto. The two following autumns he attended the "Old Normal" at Kokomo and taught winter terms of school, working on his father's farm during the spring and summer months, meanwhile closely applying himself in his preparation for college. When nineteen years old he was admitted to the literary department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, having made a brilliant record for scholarship. Thus we

are not surprised that the subsequent life of such a man of fortitude and determination as was necessary to be exercised by Mr. Morrow in gaining an education, should admirably succeed.

Mr. Morrow's domestic life dates from 1873, when he was happily married to Mary E. Henderson and purchased a farm in eastern Harrison township, to which he devoted his time alternating with teaching, making a success of each.

It was not long until Mr. Morrow was slated for political offices by his fellow citizens, who had been quick to detect merit of an extraordinary nature, and he was elected trustee of Harrison township in 1880, winning as a Democrat where the Republican vote was two to one Democratic ballot, thus showing his popularity in this vicinity. In 1880 Mr. Morrow was elected county surveyor and again re-elected in 1890, each time overcoming an adverse majority of more than one thousand votes. In 1898 he was chosen city civil engineer of Kokomo for the term of four years. In 1900 he was appointed police commissioner by the governor. In all these offices he exercised rare soundness of judgment and handled the business entrusted to him in a manner that was entirely satisfactory to all concerned.

Our subject moved from his farm to a nice home in Kokomo in 1898, where he has since resided. In 1891 his first wife, who had proved a most faithful and worthy companion, was called to her reward, leaving the subject and three children, Albert, Fred and George, all bright and interesting boys. In 1905 Mr. Morrow was married to Mrs. Myra Bird, a woman of many praiseworthy traits.

For many years Mr. Morrow has been an active member of the First Baptist church of Kokomo, and his life has always been led along high planes, consequently he is admired by a large circle of friends for his honorable career, his integrity, honesty and genuine worth, for in all his public career not a shadow of wrong or sus-

picion of evil was ever intimated against him even by his most pronounced opponents, and members of both parties were always glad to do him honor. He is a public-spirited man, always performing faithfully and well what tasks are assigned him, and the future to such a man cannot but be successful and filled with honor.

JOHN E. DUNCAN.

The gentleman to a brief review of whose life and characteristics the reader's attention is herewith directed is among the favorably known and representative citizens of Taylor township, Howard county. He has by his indomitable enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way to the advancement of his locality and during the course of an honorable career has been fairly successful in his business enterprises, having been a man of energy, sound judgment and honesty of purpose, and is thus well deserving of mention in this volume.

John Eberly Duncan was born in Rush county, Indiana, October 10, 1842, the son of John and Nancy (Sergent) Duncan. Grandfather Duncan was born in South Carolina, but moved to Indiana, settling in Rush county about 1820, entering between three and four hundred acres, transforming the wild soil into a splendid farm on which he lived until 1858, when he moved to Hancock county, buying a farm here of one hundred and sixty acres, partly improved. By dint of hard labor he finished the improvements, erecting a substantial house and barn, and died here in about four years after he took possession of the place, at the age of about eighty-four, his faithful life companion having preceded him to the "narrow house" from Rush county at the age of eighty years. In

religious matters they were Missionary Baptists. They were the parents of eight or ten children, the father of the subject being the second in order of birth. The supposition is that their ancestors were from Scotland.

The father of the subject was born in Rush county, this state, in 1822, and was reared there, having been educated for the ministry in the Baptist church and he followed preaching all his life, becoming well known as a man of superior ability in the pulpit of those days and winning scores of souls to the Christian faith. However, his career, which was one of unusual brilliancy and promise, was cut short by the hand of death, having been gathered to his fathers when only twenty-two years old. He was the oldest of two sons, the other being named Washington, also now deceased. The mother of the subject reached the advanced age of eighty-four. She was twice married and had eight children by her second marriage. She remained a faithful Baptist all her life.

The early schooling of our subject was gained in Rush county, where he attended the district schools only two months out of each year for about seven years. After he was twenty years old he attended common school for two terms. He worked on the farm in his boyhood days and left his parental roof-tree when twenty-one years old, and hired out by the month for three years as a farm hand, at the end of which time he purchased a threshing machine which he operated successfully for two years at the end of which he sold it for one thousand dollars, having paid only nine hundred dollars for it. Then he and his brother bought a farm in partnership, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres, at forty dollars per acre, having paid two thousand dollars down and at the end of two years sold the farm. Mr. Duncan moved to Howard county in 1865 and bought fifty acres at fifty dollars per acre, on which he lived for five years when he sold the place for sixty dollars per acre. He then

bought eighty acres which he sold five years later and then bought two hundred acres in Taylor township adjoining his former place at fifty dollars per acre, on which farm he has since resided having been very successful here in his agricultural pursuits. He had at one time another good farm of eighty acres adjoining this, but which was later sold.

Besides being a successful farmer, Mr. Duncan has been a contractor and builder, not only of houses and various kinds of buildings, but also of gravel roads, for the past twenty-five years, dating from 1868. In addition to this home place the subject's wife owns one hundred and sixty acres, the old home farm, which has been successfully managed by the Duncans for many years. This farm is well supplied with ample barns and other first-class buildings, also a modern and very convenient residence. These farms are well drained, mostly with tile. There are about seventy-five acres of woods pasture in blue grass. The soil is still very productive, the crops of wheat and oats being especially large. Mr. Duncan understands well the rotation of his crops with clover and other modern methods of keeping his soil in first-class productive condition. He feeds all the corn the place produces to cattle and hogs, formerly buying much additional corn. He is widely known as a breeder of fine Poland-China hogs and Aberdeen Angus (hornless) cattle. The entire farm is managed by Mr. Duncan in general farming and, according to his neighbors, no better farmer is to be found within the limits of Howard county.

Our subject was united in marriage in 1866 to Elizabeth North, daughter of James E. and Mary (Mock) North. Four children have been born to this union as follows: Omer C., born in 1867, lives in Howard county on a farm, is married and has two children; Charles, born in 1873, is connected with the postoffice at Kokomo, although he was formerly a merchant and he is the father of one

child, living; J. Pearl, born in 1878, is now on his mother's farm, having become the father of three children; R. K., born in 1883, is married and still a member of the family circle.

Fraternally the subject is a Mason, having filled all the chairs in the local lodge. He is a Missionary Baptist in his religious beliefs, having been an active member of this church for twenty years, or since 1888, and he is now deacon in the same. Mrs. Duncan is also a member of this church, having long been an active worker in the congregation. Mr. Duncan is a Democrat and he served very faithfully and acceptably as trustee for two terms. He is regarded by all as being one of the foremost citizens of Howard county, having established a firm reputation for honesty of purpose in all his dealings with his fellow men and by being the advocate of clean and wholesome principles in the home, society and politics.

GEORGE STAHL.

It is with no small degree of satisfaction that the biographer now essays to set before the reader the salient facts in the life history of the estimable gentleman now deceased whose name initiates this paragraph, for his life was one singularly full of good deeds and of the most pronounced success, and his influence was ever wholesome and ameliorating, so that today he is remembered as a man who was held in the highest respect and admiration of his many friends and acquaintances.

George Stahl was born in Lamburgh, Bavaria, Germany February 3, 1830, the son of Jacob and Katherine (Griner) Stahl. Jacob Stahl was formerly a stonemason, but after coming to this country followed farming, having bought a farm near Napoleon, Ripley

county, Indiana, on which he lived until his death at the age of sixty-seven years. He and his wife were parents of thirteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity, George Stahl being the fourth in order of birth. His mother lived to be eighty years old. George Stahl had a good German education and worked for his father on the farm until he was twenty-one years old, then worked out at whatever he could find to do.

The father bought eighty acres of land and he and his sons worked hard and soon paid for it. The father sold this land to George and Henry. This land was at once divided, each taking forty acres. George Stahl owned his forty acres for seven years, when he sold it and did various kinds of work for several years. In October, 1872, accompanied by his young wife and three small children he came to Howard county and joined his brother Adam, who had preceded him about three years.

George and Adam Stahl bought thirty acres on which they built a tile factory in 1875, later ten acres more were added. The tile factory was successfully operated by the Stahls for fourteen years, at the end of which time they dissolved partnership, and the land was equally divided, twenty acres falling to George Stahl, who had previously bought forty acres in 1884. In about 1887 he bought another eighty acres of improved land in Taylor township, which is a part of the present homestead, in addition to the sixty acres which he originally owned. Another eighty-acre tract was purchased in 1901, making him two hundred and twenty acres in all. In 1870 he purchased two hundred and fifty acres of timber land in Lawrence county, Tennessee. This was sold about 1892.

He was a hard-working man and soon improved the place and brought it to a high state of productiveness. All of the one hundred and sixty acres now comprising this excellent farm are well drained and all under the plow but twenty acres which is in blue

grass pasture, all under a fine system of wire fencing. Mr. Stahl underwent all the usual hardships incident to a life in an unimproved country, having like the early pioneers cleared the heavy timber and developed a farm. He had a number of substantial and convenient buildings erected and had amassed a comfortable competency for his family when he was called from his earthly labors by the "grim reaper," March 8, 1904, at the age of sixty-five years, after having spent his entire life in the Roman Catholic church, and having gained a reputation among his fellow men as a staunch citizen of exemplary character and liberal to all who needed help, being strictly upright in all his dealings with his fellow men and was admired and much respected by all who knew him.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stahl as follows: John, born in 1807, at Millhouse, this state, is living on the old sixty-acre place, married and has four children; Catherine was born January 18, 1860, at Napoleon, Indiana, and died November 20, 1872; Anna Mary was born at Napoleon, December 4, 1870, and died September 21, 1871; Anna Catherine, born August 9, 1872, is the wife of James Kirby, and the mother of four children; Adam John, born June 25, 1875, died March 17, 1876; Margaret Rosa, born November 8, 1877, is the wife of J. A. Coyle, and the mother of four children; Henry Thomas was born December 21, 1879, is single and living at home; Mary Theresa, born March 25, 1882, is at home with her mother; Joseph Anthony, born August 8, 1884, is living at home; Leo Francis, born July 6, 1887, is in the Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute, 1908.

George Stahl was united in marriage June 14, 1866, at Millhouse, Indiana, to Anna Mary Hessler, a native of Decatur county, Indiana. Her father and mother both came from Germany to America in 1850, first settling in Indiana, then went to Cincinnati for a short time, but later returned to the Hoosier state, where they

raised a family. The father was born in 1804 and died in 1873, and the mother was born in 1807 and died in November, 1880. John Hessler, a brother of Mrs. Stahl, was a soldier in the Federal ranks, having been in an Indiana regiment. He died June 11, 1868.

The subject was a loyal Democrat and while he took considerable interest in local politics, never sought public office. However, he was regarded as a public-spirited man and always could be counted on to support the right side of any issue.

GEORGE SCHAFER.

The best history of a community or state is the one that deals most with the lives and activities of its people, especially of those who, by their own endeavor and indomitable energy, have forged to the front and placed themselves where they deserve the title of progressive men. In this brief review will be found the record of one who has outstripped the less active plodders on the highway of life and achieved a career surpassed by few of his contemporaries, a career of marked success in agricultural affairs and a name which all who know him delight to honor owing to his upright life and habits of thrift and industry.

George Schafer was born in Darke county, Ohio, March 10, 1803, the son of Philip and Regina (Stuber) Schafer. Grandfather Schafer was a native of Germany, where he spent his entire life. There were three sons in the family, two of them came to America about 1851. The father of the subject was about twenty years old at that time. He first stopped at Cincinnati and worked for a butcher. He later moved to Darke county, Ohio, near Phillipsburg, where he worked as a farm hand, later going to Mercer county, Ohio,

where he was married and where he farmed on his father-in-law's farm for a time; he then bought a farm of his own, part of which was in Mercer and part in Darke counties. There was a log cabin on the place. It was built of round logs; later he purchased a house of hewn logs, which he tore down and removed to his farm and it was in this house that our subject was born. It was here that the subject's father cleared the land, made a comfortable home and reared his children. He lived there until the fall of 1882, when he sold out and moved to Howard county, Indiana, buying an improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which he has made his home to the time of this writing (1908). He has added much to the improvement of the place, especially in drainage. There were ten children in this family, eight of whom are now living, seven of them having families of their own. Philip Schafer is a member of the Evangelical church. His wife, who died at the age of fifty-seven years, was also a member of this denomination. The subject's father is a Republican and a Prohibitionist, and he is a man of influence in his community.

George Schafer, our subject, attended the public schools in Darke county, Ohio, until he was nineteen years old, but he did a **great deal of systematic studying** after that. During the time that he attended school he worked at intervals on his father's farm, remaining under the parental roof until after he was twenty-one years of age. He then worked for about seven years as a farm hand for various parties, during which time he bought a lot in Kokomo, on which he built a home; this was as an investment of the money he had earned and saved by habits of industry and economy from his labor. When he married he moved on the place where he has since resided and carried on the various departments of farming with marked success. The farm at that time belonged to Henry Metz, who was the father of Mr. Schafer's wife. Since that time

he has purchased eighty acres in Liberty township, which he still owns and which he rents for grain rent. He also bought a forty-acre piece adjoining the home farm. Of this two-hundred-acre farm he has cleared fifty acres. The forty he bought was only partly drained. Mr. Schafer has since installed an excellent system of tile drainage over the entire place and the fields are well fenced. The productiveness of the soil has improved since he came in possession of it, owing to his skillful rotation of crops and other methods employed by all modern and scientific farmers. In 1906 he had a field of wheat which averaged forty-seven bushels per acre. He feeds all the corn raised on the place to hogs which he ships to market. His favorite breeds are Chester Whites and Poland-Chinas.

The domestic life of Mr. Schafer dates from 1891, when he was united in marriage with Katie Metz, daughter of Henry and Catherine Metz. M. Metz was a native of Germany who came to America as a young man. He first settled in Ohio and from there moved to Indiana, where he lived until his death in 1908. He was a man of much influence in his community, having been a very industrious man and led an honorable career, setting a worthy example to the younger generation of his community, and giving his children a splendid training. Mrs. Metz also came from Germany and is described as a woman of many admirable traits which, her daughter, who is the wife of our subject, seems to have inherited.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schafer: Edwin, born in October, 1892, is living at home and attending school in 1908; Oris DeWitt was born in April, 1894; Rea Regina was born in July, 1897; Sereno Dreece was born in May, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafer and their two oldest sons are members of the Evangelical Association. In politics the subject is a Prohibitionist. He has not aspired to political offices, but he has held about all the offices of the local church, proper.

Mr. Schafer is a man of genuine practical ideas, thoroughly upright in all his dealings with his fellow men and a pleasant man to meet. He is training his children in the way they should conduct themselves to become honorable and successful in their subsequent lives and the Schafer family is well known in Howard township where they maintain uniformly good reputations and have a very large number of friends.

GEORGE W. BREEDLOVE.

Prominent in the affairs of Howard county and distinguished as a citizen whose influence is far extended beyond the limits of the community honored by his residence, the name of the subject of this review stands out a conspicuous figure among the successful contractors and representative men of Kokomo, Indiana. Characterized by remarkable breadth of wisdom and strong individuality, and in all of his enterprises and undertakings actuated by noble motives and high resolves, his success and achievement but represent the result of fit utilization of innate talent in directing effort along those lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination lead the way.

George W. Breedlove was born in Marion county, Indiana, April 8, 1844, the son of Henry and Nancy (Medsker) Breedlove. The father was a shoemaker and a plasterer, having died in Boone county in 1858, after a useful and well spent life. His widow never re-married. She kept her ten children together until they were grown, being a woman of unusual courage and perseverance.

George W. Breedlove attended school about three months, but notwithstanding the fact that his early education was limited he has gained a great fund of information from his habits of observation

and by home reading. He spent his early youth assisting to keep his mother by his labor. He began to learn the bricklayer's trade early in life, and in 1866 he was married to Mary A. Kildow, a native of Pennsylvania and of Irish descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove became the parents of ten children, seven of whom survived infancy. They came to Howard county in the spring of 1880 and have remained here ever since. Mr. Breedlove became a contractor and builder and he erected the fifth house in South Kokomo, on South Union street, where he lived for a period of twenty-six years, when he traded that property for four acres of land just outside the corporate limits of Kokomo at the end of West Sycamore street, where he now has a modern and beautiful suburban home. When the subject's oldest daughter was twenty-one years old he presented her with a six dollar Bible. He has continued this custom with all his children as they reached their majority until he has purchased seven Bibles. He is an ardent believer in the Divine Word. The subject and wife have raised one pair of boy twins. Josephine, the oldest daughter, is a graduate of the Kokomo high school. The boys are all good mechanics. James is now bookkeeper in a lumber yard at Anderson, Indiana. Oliver is a pattern maker in Carthage, Missouri. William A. is in southwestern Texas, engaged as a contractor. E. Roy is at Anderson, Indiana.

Mr. Breedlove has erected a great many dwellings in Kokomo, having been one of the busiest and best known contractors of the county for a quarter of a century. He is now doing more repair work than actual contracting on new buildings. In all his work he has been very successful, being a man of sound judgment and honest business principles. He is a member of the Friends church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic lodge, No. 93, of Kokomo, being a Third Degree member. He is also a member of the In-

dependent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 133. Mr. Breedlove has voted the Prohibition ticket for the past twenty-three years, up to 1908. His first presidential vote was for Horace Greeley. The subject has long been a supporter of movements having for their object the material advancement of the community, while his influence in furthering the social and moral welfare of his fellow men has been second to none during his twenty-eight years' residence in Kokomo, where he has always been regarded a man of upright principles, industrious and kind hearted to those in need, and but few men in his community are better or more favorably known than he.

JAMES B. CONKLE.

Success is only achieved by the exercise of certain distinguishing qualities and it cannot be retained without effort. Those by whom great epoch changes have been made in the political and industrial world began early in life to prepare themselves for their peculiar duties and responsibilities and it was only by the most persevering and continuous endeavor that they succeeded in rising superior to the obstacles in their way and reaching the goal of their ambition. Such lives are an inspiration to others who are less courageous and more prone to give up the fight before their ideal is reached or definite success in any chosen field has been attained. In the life history of the honorable gentleman whose name forms the caption of this article we find evidence of a peculiar characteristic that always makes for achievement—persistency, coupled with fortitude and lofty traits, and as a result of such a life, Mr. Conkle stands today one of the representative citizens of Howard county and one of the best known and most highly respected men of Howard township.

James B. Conkle was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1865, the son of George and Jennie (Murray) Conkle. Grandfather Samuel Conkle was born in Pennsylvania and came to Indiana in 1860, settling in Howard county on a farm; but he moved back to Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. He was a Methodist as was his immediate family and ancestors. The father of the subject was reared in the old Keystone state, and he there received a limited education in the district schools, remaining there until 1860. When nineteen years old he enlisted in April, 1861, in the Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves, in which he served three years, having taken part in both battles of Bull Run, Gettysburg, Antietam, the seven day's battle around Richmond and all other minor engagements in which his regiment participated. After the war he worked in the oil fields for four years. He then came to Indiana and settled in Howard county. He rented a farm for about fifteen years when he bought a sixty-acre tract, which he partly cleared and improved. Later he sold out and bought another farm consisting of the same number of acres. This he improved and still lives on it, his farm being under a high state of productiveness and improvement, well fenced and drained and on it stand excellent buildings. Six children were born to the parents of the subject, five of whom lived to reach maturity; four of these have families of their own. The subject's mother is also living. She and her husband were both formerly Methodists, but there being no denomination of this sect near their home, they now subscribe to the United Brethren faith. They are people of fine character and exercise considerable influence for the good of their community.

Our subject attended the district schools in Howard county until he was sixteen years of age and he worked with his father on the farm until he was twenty-two years old. He then married and rented farms for four years. Then he bought twenty-five acres

which he improved: he has since added seventy acres, making him a farm at present of ninety-five acres, ten acres of which he cleared, drained the entire place with tile and fenced it with wire. He has built a modern and substantial dwelling house, a substantial barn and convenient out buildings. The soil of the place is in excellent productive condition, which has been kept up to a high state of excellency by proper rotation of crops and the application of home fertilizers. Mr. Conkle feeds all his corn to cattle and hogs. He handled the Red Duroc full-blooded hogs. Six acres of his land are in blue grass and woods-pasture. He uses woven wire fencing which he puts up, doing a contracting business in this line. He also operates the only coal yard in this district, doing an extensive business.

Mr. Conkle was united in marriage December 2, 1886, to Katie Markland, daughter of David and Margaret (Goodwine) Markland. Mrs. Markland was born in Ohio of German parents and Mr. Markland was born in Ohio. They came to Indiana about 1850. The latter was a farmer and schoolteacher. He died about 1896, at the age of fifty-nine years. Mrs. Markland is living in 1908, at the age of sixty-six years. Their six children are all living at this writing, and all have families of their own.

Five children have blessed the home of our subject and wife as follows: Elsie M., born September 30, 1887, is the wife of Everett Smith, of Scott county, Indiana, who lives on a farm there; Emmett J., born October 4, 1890, lives at home on his father's farm; George D. was born October 16, 1893; Roscoe was born April 25, 1897; Margaret R. was born December 8, 1904. This pretty little girl was unfortunate enough to lose one of her limbs through tuberculosis, but is now in good health and is a bright and promising child.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Conkle are members of the United Breth-

ren church, being active in the same. Mr. Conkle belongs to the Horse Thief Detective Association. In politics he is an uncompromising Republican and has always taken much interest in political affairs. He was justice of the peace for a period of eight years, having made one of the best officials in this capacity that the community ever had. He has also been supervisor, having held that important office with much credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all his constituents. In 1908 he became the candidate of his party for township trustee and his nomination was generally conceded to be a most fortunate one, owing to the past splendid official record of Mr. Conkle and his known upright principles and pleasing demeanor. In fact he is one of the most popular and public-spirited citizens of Howard township and he numbers his friends by the scores.

TRUMAN C. RAPP.

Among the men of sturdy integrity and reliable traits of character who have contributed their quota to the advancement of the upbuilding of Howard county, mention may most consistently be made of him whose name appears above, who ranks among the leading business men and public-spirited citizens of Kokomo where he has maintained his home since May 6, 1904.

Truman C. Rapp received a common school education in Ohio, his native state, where he was born in 1862. At the age of nineteen he began business for himself in a small way, going in debt and giving a note with his surety, but his first venture, which was in the small town of Marathon, Ohio, showed that our subject had a pronounced capacity for industrial affairs and that his later life would be replete with success if he had an opportunity to deal in larger

affairs. He prospered and increased his line until he came to Kokomo, where he has maintained a first class and modern store in every respect, handling all kinds of garments and clothing for men and women, ready to wear. In fact, he carries a full line of carefully selected and up-to-date goods, which are satisfying a large patronage, so that his trade is constantly increasing and invading new territory.

Mr. Rapp owns a half interest in a similar store in Logansport and he spends some of his time looking after the interests of that store which is also a very successful venture. In these stores the best of clerks are employed and customers always receive courteous treatment.

Our subject attributes his success to the manner in which he conducts these stores, selling strictly at one price to all buyers. He purchases his stock for cash in large quantities, moves it to his stores and gives the people the benefit of his experience, now carrying a large and complete line of the latest goods obtainable in both stores. He owns a fine lot on West Walnut street where he erected a fine, modern and commodious residence in 1908. He expects to spend the remainder of his life in this beautiful home.

Mr. Rapp is considered in Kokomo to be one of the most energetic and wide-awake business men of that city, being abreast of the times in every respect and the honorable and strictly honest methods he has always employed in his business affairs has gained for him the undivided confidence and respect of all who know him, consequently this store and the one at Logansport have had a wonderful growth since they were established, which is proof conclusive that the people of both cities appreciate the manner in which they are conducted and the kind consideration they get when patronizing them.

Mr. Rapp has always been prompt in paying all his debts.

Being careful in all things, he has never had a fire, and coupled with his carefulness and honesty of principles is his congeniality, all of which has established a high credit and he has never had an assignment or a business failure.

Mr. Papp's cheerful and model home is presided over by a most estimable wife, and four bright and interesting children have added their quota of sunshine to this home.

Fraternally Mr. Rapp is a member of the Knights of Pythias, having passed all the chairs in the same; he is also a member of the Uniform Rank of this order.

Although our subject is too busy a man to devote much time to political matters yet he can always be depended upon to lend his influence and support to all worthy movements whether political or otherwise, that have for their object the betterment or upbuilding of his community, always taking a just pride in his city in the future of which he has implicit faith.

TAYLOR N. HOGG.

The biographies of the representative men of a county bring to light many hidden treasures of mind, character and courage, well calculated to arouse the pride of their family and of the community and it is a source of regret that the people are not more familiar with the personal history of such men, in the ranks of whom may be found tillers of the soil, mechanics, teachers, as well as lawyers, physicians, bankers and members of other vocations and professions. The subject of this sketch is distinctively one of the leading citizens of the township in which he lives, and as such has made his influence felt among his fellow men and earned a name

for enterprise, integrity and honor, that entitles him to worthy notice in a work on the nature of this volume.

Taylor N. Hogg, farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Virginia, and a worthy representative of an old and highly esteemed family of the commonwealth, the genealogy of which is traceable through many generations to England, where the name appears to have its origin. It also occurs in connection with the early history of Virginia, and figures quite prominently in the Indian wars of that and other colonies, as well as in the Revolutionary struggle. The subject's great-grandfather, a native of Virginia, joined the English army when a young man for which King George granted him a large tract of land west of the Alleghany mountains, said to have contained eight thousand acres though not all in one body. This ancestor took part in the old French and Indian war and was with General Braddock's command when that ill-starred leader lost his life and the greater part of his men in the overwhelming and disastrous defeat, known in history by his name. When the war of the Revolution broke out, he was made an officer in the British ranks and served as such throughout the entire struggle, after which he returned to his estate in Virginia and settled down to the quiet life of a planter. Being a surveyor he laid much of his land off into farms, which he sold to settlers at very low figures, at one time exchanging for a negro a well situated tract, which is now conservatively estimated at thirty thousand dollars. On another occasion he is said to have deeded two hundred acres for a cow and a shot gun, but within a short time returned the animal as it was the only property the neighbor possessed, and made a present of the gun to a friend. The land in this deal would now sell readily at two hundred dollars per acre. He was one of the first men to introduce the breeding and raising of live stock west of the mountains, and he is said to have made the business profitable. He cleared and reduced to

cultivation a portion of that grant and became a successful planter, although greatly annoyed at first by Indians, whose continued depredations caused him much trouble and no little loss. The subject's grandfather crossed the Alleghany mountains in an early day and settled on his father's estate as a planter and stock raiser, though he too experienced much trouble from the savages whom he was obliged to watch almost constantly to keep them from burning his buildings and destroying his crops and other property. Subsequently he took part in the war against the red skins and rendered valuable service while hostilities were in progress, having been made an officer before the war was brought to a close. He married and reared a family of nine children, some of whom became widely and favorably known in their native state, while several moved to other parts and were highly esteemed in their respective places of residence.

Abner Hogg, the subject's father was born and reared on the ancestral estate and after receiving his portion of the same he engaged in farming and stock raising and it was while living there that he freed all of his slaves in order to comply with a provision of his father's will to that effect. Like his antecedents, Abner Hogg was a man of intelligence, energy and good judgment and by judicious management he so conducted his agricultural and live stock interests as to accumulate a competency. His death occurred in February, 1871, at the age of fifty-four years. Mary Skeen, wife of Abner Hogg, was also of Virginia birth and a lady of amiable qualities and sterling moral worth. She bore her husband seven children, four sons and three daughters, and departed this life at the age of fifty years in 1867. Both husband and wife were devout Presbyterians, active in all lines of moral and religious work under the auspices of the church and their lives were shining examples of the faith which they professed.

Taylor Hogg was born October 3, 1842, and spent his early life in Virginia, receiving his education principally under the direction of private tutors. He remained with his parents until twenty years of age, when he severed home ties for the purpose of entering the military service, enlisting August 13, 1862, in Company B, Thirteenth Virginia Volunteer Infantry, with which service he shared the fortunes and vicissitudes of war, in some of the noted campaigns and hard fought battles which deluged the soil of his beloved state with fraternal blood. He received a severe wound in one engagement, which necessitated his retention in the hospital for a period of six months, and from the effects of which he has never fully recovered, nevertheless he rejoined his command as soon as able and remained in the ranks until honorably discharged at the close of the war. Mr. Hogg's military record is eminently a creditable one as his discharge and the medal of honor presented to him by the state for gallant and meritorious service abundantly attest.

At the close of the war Mr. Hogg returned to his home near Point Pleasant and during the ensuing two years devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits in which his success was gratifying. At the expiration of the time indicated he disposed of his interests in Virginia and moving to Howard county, Indiana, in 1867, purchased the farm in Center township, which he still owns and cultivates and which, by his efficient labor and successful management, has become one of the most productive and valuable places of its area in the county, as well as one of the country's most beautiful and attractive rural homes. The farm contains one hundred and twenty acres, about half of which is under cultivation, the rest being devoted to pasturage. The fertility and productiveness of the soil have been greatly enhanced by a thorough and successful system of tile drainage, while the elegant and stately brick residence containing all of the latest and modern improvements, together with the

artistic and attractive lawns, gardens, beautiful trees yielding both shade and fruit, commodious barns and other substantial outbuildings, bespeak the presence of a proprietor who is a master of his calling and whose efforts in all of his undertakings have been crowned with abundant and happy results. The model farm is just one mile and a half from the court house and extends to within a very short distance of the city limits, the close proximity to Koko-mo adding much to its value and desirability as a place of residence.

In connection with farming Mr. Hogg handles live stock on quite an extensive scale, devoting especial attention to blooded horses, and fine cattle, hogs of the superior Poland-China breed, which he buys and ships in large numbers, and for which he never fails to receive the highest prices the markets afford.

By the judicious rotation of crops and a plentiful use of natural and artificial fertilizers he not only retains the soil's original fertility, but increases its productiveness and seldom if ever does he fail to realize liberal returns from the time and labor expended on his fields. Although primarily interested in his own affairs Mr. Hogg manifests an abiding regard for the advancement and welfare of the community and for any measure or enterprise by which his fellow men may be benefited. He encourages churches and schools, is a respecter of law and order and has no use or sympathy for any calling or business which tends to lower the moral status of the country or degrade the youth of the land. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has long been an active member and influential worker in the Grand Army of the Republic.

On the 20th of March, 1868, Mr. Hogg was united in the bonds of wedlock with Eliza Price, daughter of Franklin and Sarah (Hobson) Price, of Virginia, the father a near relative of General

Sterling Price, a distinguished Confederate leader in the late Civil war. Mr. Price came to Howard county in an early day and was the first man elected to the office of clerk of the circuit court. He bore an influential part in public affairs, and for many years was one of the enterprising men and prominent citizens of Kokomo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogg are the parents of thirteen children whose names are as follows: Frances, wife of Daniel Oldham; Nora, deceased; Ardilla; Camden; Jennette June, deceased; Mary, now Mrs. L. Dye, of Indianapolis; Walter Earl, and Susan Viola, and others dying in infancy unnamed. Before her marriage Mrs. Hogg was one of Howard county's successful and popular teachers and her oldest daughter, Frances, was also engaged in educational work for some time prior to her marriage.

Mr. Hogg occupies a conspicuous place among the leading men of Howard county and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His record demonstrates that where there is a will there is a way and that obstacles to success may be overcome by courage and self-reliance. His career though strenuous has been fraught with good to his fellow men and his example is cordially commended to the youth of the land whose life work is yet a matter of the future.

CHARLES W. GRAU.

That life is the most useful and desirable that results in the greatest good to the greatest number and, though all do not reach the heights to which they aspire, yet in some measure each can win success and make life a blessing to his fellow men; and it is not necessary for one to occupy eminent public positions to do so, for in the humbler walks of life there remains much good to be accomplished and many opportunities for one to exercise one's talents and

influence which in some way will touch the lives of those with whom we come in contact, making them better or brighter. In the list of Howard county's successful citizens, the subject of this review has long occupied a prominent place. In his career there is much that is commendable and his life forcibly illustrates what a life of energy can accomplish when his plans are wisely laid and his actions governed by right principles, noble aims and high ideals.

Charles W. Grau was born in Darke county, Ohio, September 13, 1804, the son of John A. and Rosa (Kaufman) Grau. Grandfather Grau lived in Germany where he died. His widow subsequently came to America, first to Ohio, later to Indiana, where she spent the balance of her days, dying at the age of seventy-seven years, having been born in 1800. She was a church member and an exceptionally good woman.

The father of our subject came to America from Germany when a young man, after having served in the army of his native land, and settled in Darke county, Ohio. Being a wagon maker by trade, he followed this in connection with farming, buying a farm of timbered land, which he cleared and improved and on which he remained until 1875, when he sold out and came to Indiana, settling in Howard county, Howard township, buying a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which was partly improved. He subsequently improved this land and lived there for exactly eight years, having died on the same day of the month he came there, at the age of sixty years. In his youth he was a Lutheran, but later in life was a member of the Evangelical church, as was also his wife. The former had received a good education in his native land, and he spoke the English language exceedingly well. He was a large man physically, having been very strong. He was known to every one as a man of high moral principle and pure character. His first wife was also a native of Germany, who came to America when a girl, having

made her home in Ohio, in which state she married Mr. Grau. By this union she became the mother of three children who lived to reach maturity. She died early in life and Mr. Grau was again married, his second wife being Rosa Kaufman in her maidenhood, and she was the mother of our subject. Nine children were born to this union, seven of whom are living in 1908, and all have families. The mother of the subject was a member of the Evangelical church. She was called to her rest at the age of seventy-two years.

Charles W. Grau first attended the district schools of Ohio, and afterward the public schools of Howard county, Indiana. He left school in his eighteenth year and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. He then worked his mother's farm on the shares until he was twenty-six years old. He then purchased forty acres, but continued to manage his mother's farm for three years. He then moved on a farm belonging to his father-in-law, where he has since resided working it and the forty acres of his own. He bought eighty acres of his mother-in-law which joined his own, making him a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of very productive soil. The home farm where he resides being well improved and well drained, the soil being in a high state of productiveness and well fenced with modern wire. He feeds most of the corn that the place produces to cattle and hogs. He has a comfortable and substantial dwelling and good out buildings and his farm indicates that he is an excellent manager and a man of thrift and good judgment.

Mr. Grau was united in marriage May 25, 1890, to Mary E. Fisher, daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Strome) Fisher. Her people came to Indiana in 1874, settling on the farm owned by Mr. Grau. Mrs. Grau's father died at the age of seventy-two years. His widow is living in 1908 at the age of seventy-six years. She has been a useful woman and believes in the higher ideals of life. She makes her home with our subject, who delights in administering to her declining age.

Mr. and Mrs. Gran are the parents of nine children, their birth having occurred in the following order: Ozvoe Clay, who was born March 27, 1891; Merle, born April 20, 1892; May, born May 8, 1894; Albert and Alberta (twins), born February 20, 1898; Gladys, born April 4, 1900; Miriam, born April 17, 1902; Theodore Charles, born July 3, 1904; the last child is an infant, born June 4, 1908.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gran are members of the Evangelical church, to which faith Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, father and mother of Mrs. Gran, also subscribed. In politics our subject is a loyal Republican. He has hosts of friends in Howard and adjoining townships owing to his honesty in business and his upright social private life, and he is much admired by all who know him for his wholesome living as well as for his industrial success.

ADOLPHUS E. HOON.

It is not an easy task to describe adequately a man who has led an eminently active and busy life and who has attained a position of relative distinction in the community with which his interests are allied. 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 satisfaction, that the writer essays the task of touching briefly upon the details of such a record as has been that of the honored veteran and venerable subject of this sketch whose eminently honored and successful career now comes under review.

Adolphus E. Hoon is one of those sturdy and thrifty foreign citizens, who have been of such great value in the upbuilding of our

country. He was born January 27, 1828, on the Atlantic ocean, while his parents were emigrating from Germany to the United States. His father was John Hoon, a native of France, and his mother, Mary Snyder, a native of Prussia, in which country they were married and from which they emigrated to America. John Hoon had the distinction of being Napoleon's chief bugler in the great armies of France, serving under Napoleon in several campaigns. He was a noted musician. After coming to America he organized a band in Philadelphia, where the family first settled after coming to this country. He later organized the first band known in Pittsburg. He died in the latter city, where he had gone to attend a celebration, leaving his family on the farm in Butler county. When news was sent the family of his pending death, they made an effort to reach Pittsburg but arrived after the end had come to the noted musician. This was in 1828, the same year he landed in America. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He and his good wife were the parents of the following children: Charles, William, Christopher, Caroline and Adolphus.

After the death of John Hoon his widow settled in Sarvestville, Pennsylvania, with her father, who was Nicholas Snyder, a native of Prussia and a tailor by trade. She raised her children by hard work as a seamstress and dressmaker. She married a second time, her last husband being Godfred Frank, a tanner, by whom she had five children, namely: Mary, Christian, Edward, a soldier; Emily and Charlotte.

Our subject remained with his mother until he was ten years of age, when he went to Pittsburg to learn the tinner's trade, but the work was not suited to his nature, so he returned home and in 1838 he was taken to Paris, Kentucky, through the kindness of a friend of the family. Here he worked three years learning the cabinet maker's trade. He then went to New Orleans. After working there

awhile he came back to Pittsburg, later going to Philadelphia and New York City, also worked in many places in Kentucky, remaining there until 1873, having become an expert at his trade and making considerable money in the meantime. In the year mentioned above he came to Kokomo, Indiana, where he engaged with Alexander & Kelly, furniture manufacturers. This firm failed and the subject got control of the factory, which he successfully operated for two years, then the Hunt Brothers bought the plant and he has since worked at the carpenter's trade and contracting, but of late years he has been retired from active business, feeling that he has earned a just respite from life's arduous duties. He made a success at all his work as a cabinet maker, being regarded as one of the best in the country, for which he was always well remunerated.

Mr. Hoon was united in marriage in 1849, at Ruddle's Mills, Kentucky, to Emily McClintock, who was called from her earthly labors three months after her marriage. The second marriage of the subject was solemnized in 1854 with Josephine E. Bauder, who was born in Utica, New York. She passed away in 1900, after becoming the faithful mother of eight children as follows: Charles E., deceased; Francis is a preacher; Orian, deceased; Caroline Emily is the wife of Brice Williams, of Kokomo; Elmer lives with his father; William Lincoln Grant lives in Kokomo; Harriet is deceased; Alice Hope is the wife of Edwin Baugher.

Mr. Hoon during the dark days of our nation's history showed his patriotism and pride in the stars and stripes by enlisting in her defense, having rendered the Union forces valuable service at the battles of Nashville, by assisting in the fortifications. He also rendered inestimable service while in the engineering department of the Cumberland.

The subject has been a life long Republican, and he has been a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church for many years.

having accomplished a great amount of good in this manner. He has been an active worker in this denomination during the major part of his life. He is a faithful member of the Masonic lodge and he is a Knight Templar. He is a strong temperance man, having taken the pledge as early as 1849 and has kept the same ever since. In all the relations of life Mr. Hoon has been found faithful to every trust confided in him, and because of his genuine worth, courteous manners and genial disposition he has won and retains the warm regard of all with whom he associated, the latter including the best people of the county.

JOSEPH D. VANSICKLE.

Biographies should not be published unless there is something in the life and character of the individual worthy of emulation or imitation by others under like circumstances—certainly not for self-aggrandizement, but sufficient has been drawn from the life history of the gentleman whose name appears above to show that there is something in the inner life of this man worthy of more than incidental mention. He began life practically at the bottom of the ladder, which he has climbed to the top with no help but a brave heart, industrious hands and an intelligent brain, and is a living example of what may be accomplished in this country by thrift and perseverance, even under discouraging circumstances.

Joseph D. VanSickle was born in Marion county, Indiana, February 9, 1867, the son of Gilbert and Ellen (Hoover) VanSickle. Grandfather VanSickle was born in Pennsylvania. He was of Irish descent and his ancestors lived and died in the Keystone state. There were three sons in the family, all lived to raise families of their own. Grandfather VanSickle died in 1849, after having become a success-

ful farmer in Ohio, to which state he moved in 1849 from Pennsylvania. The father of the subject lived at home until he was thirteen years old, having come to Indiana at that time on his own account and without funds. He stopped near Indianapolis where he remained with a family as a farm hand until he was twenty-six years old. At that age he was married and soon afterward rented a farm in that neighborhood, having worked rental land in a very successful manner until 1860, when he came to Tipton county, this state, where he made his home until his death in 1904, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years old. He attended school only a few weeks, but read extensively at home. He owned a good farm in Tipton county, where he raised a family of six children, four of whom lived to maturity; three of them raised families of their own. Their mother passed to the silent land when she was forty-four years old. Both father and mother were Newlight Christians. The father was also a Mason. They were both people of many excellent traits and had hosts of friends.

Joseph D. VanSickle, our subject, attended the district schools in Tipton county until he was eighteen years old, working on his father's farm. He then taught school in a most acceptable manner for a period of five years. Being ambitious to learn from the start he studied hard and secured a liberal education, but he finally decided to devote his life work to agricultural pursuits, having begun farming on his own highly productive farm in Tipton county, remaining on this place for a period of seven years and then moved to Miami county, buying a good farm which he successfully worked for six years, when he sold it and purchased the one in Howard township, Howard county, on which he has since resided. It consists of two hundred and sixty-three acres, all being under a high state of improvement. About fifty acres are in woods-pasture, on which is a fine set of blue grass, the balance is under the plow. He

has excellent fences, partly of wire and partly of wood. The fields are all under an excellent system of drainage and the soil is kept in a high state of productiveness through the skillful management of the owner. He rotates his crops with clover and uses home fertilizers. It is Mr. VanSickle's intention to feed all the corn on the place that he produces each year. He prepares both cattle and hogs for the market. He raises Duroc hogs, and usually has a large herd of registered short horn cattle, which are fine specimens of the best bovine type. He has a fine orchard of a variety of excellent fruits. All the surroundings show that this is an exceptionally well cared for farm and that the owner is a man of thrift and excellent judgment in agriculture, horticulture and stock raising. His residence which is a substantial, commodious and nicely furnished one is regarded as among the best farm houses in the county. Several convenient out buildings stand upon the farm.

The domestic life of our subject dates from September 9, 1888, when he was happily married to Orpho O. Duncan, the refined and accomplished daughter of Francis M. and Hannah E. (Runk) Duncan, natives of Indiana. They lived on a farm and were people of much influence in their respective community. Mrs. VanSickle's father was called from his earthly labors in 1905, at the age of sixty years, after an active and useful life. He had been a soldier in an Indiana regiment during the war between the states, having enlisted when only eighteen years old and served till the close of the war. He came home disabled from disease contracted while in line of duty. His government later remembered his gallant services with a liberal pension. There were five children in his family, three of whom lived to maturity. The mother of the subject's wife is living at the age of sixty-four in 1908. She is a member of the Newlight church as was also her husband.

Our subject and wife have had eight children born to them as

follows: Hazel E., born July 23, 1886, is still a member of the happy family circle; Grace H. was born March 2, 1891; Herman D. was born November 14, 1893; Maggie L. was born July 29, 1895; Samuel and John (twins), were born December 6, 1897; Joseph O. was born October 23, 1900; Franklin was born April 6, 1908. All these children are interesting and give promise of successful futures.

Fraternally our subject is a member of the Masonic organization and his daily life would indicate that he is living up to the sublime precepts which it fosters. In politics he is a loyal Democrat. Mrs. VanSickle is a member of the United Brethren church and both she and Mr. VanSickle are highly respected by a large number of friends and acquaintances for their even tempered kindly natures and their upright lives.

ROBERT ALEXANDER OGG.

Of high professional and academic attainments and ranking among the foremost educators of the state, Robert Alexander Ogg, the efficient and popular superintendent of the Kokomo public schools has achieved marked distinction in the noble work to which his talents and energies have so long been devoted, and judging by the past it is safe to predict for him a future of still greater usefulness and honor. Not only as a teacher and manager of schools has he made his presence felt but as a citizen in the daily walks of life, his influence has tended to the advancement of the community and the welfare of his fellow men, while the several responsible public positions to which he has been called from time to time bear testimony to his ability to fill worthily high and important trusts. His name with eminent fitness occupies a conspicuous place in the profession which he adorns and his career presenting a series of suc-

cesses such as few attain has gained for him much more than state reputation, as a successful organizer and manager of educational interests.

Superintendent Ogg is a native of Noble county, Ohio, born near the town of Summerfield on December 14th, of the year 1848. Paternally he is descended from sturdy Scotch ancestry and traces his genealogy back a number of years to Ireland from which country his grandfather, Alexander Ogg, in 1770, emigrated to the United States, and settled in Maryland, where in due time the family became widely known. Robert Washington Ogg, the superintendent's father, was born in the above state, but spent his early life in Belmont county, Ohio, and moved to Noble county, Ohio, when he married, thence in 1866 to Greene county, Indiana, where he located on a farm near the town of Solsberry. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits.

Superintendent Ogg spent his childhood and youth in the state of his birth and at the proper age entered the public schools in the county, where he early displayed the powers of mind and desire for study which subsequently won for him honorable distinction as a scholar and success as a teacher. When seventeen years old he accompanied his parents upon their removal to Indiana, and the following year entered the State University at Bloomington, where he prosecuted his studies until completing the prescribed course and receiving his degree in 1872, the meantime devoting part of his vacations to teaching, by means of which he was enabled to finish his education, according to prearranged plans. His record as a student was in every respect creditable and he was graduated with an honorable standing in a class composed of an unusual number of bright and ambitious young men, among whom were Hon. George W. Cooper, of Columbus, who served his district with distinguished ability in congress, and Hon. Pierce Norton, late of Indianapolis,

and for some time a leading lawyer and jurist of that city, besides others equally renowned in their respective vocations and professions.

After completing his university course Superintendent Ogg decided to devote his life to educational work for which he had already manifested a strong predilection, and having made up his mind to this end, took advantage of every opportunity of adding to his knowledge and increasing his efficiency for the practical duties of the noble calling in which he had engaged. Following his graduation he took charge of the schools of Ellettsville, and three years afterward of those of Mitchell, which under his management made rapid advancement and won for him honorable repute as an able instructor and later he was chosen principal of the New Albany high school, which position he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of superintendent, students and public, for a period of eight years. Superintendent Ogg served eleven years as superintendent of the public schools of Greencastle and gained recognition among the leading educators of the state. Resigning his position in the latter city in 1898, he accepted the superintendency of the public schools of Kokomo, which he has since held, and in which perhaps the greatest of his labors as an educator and manager have been thus far accomplished. His great force of character and ripe scholarship, together with his ability as an organizer enabled him to bring to his work in this city the results of his professional experience with marked effect, and it was not long until the schools under his supervision advanced to the high standing of efficiency for which they are now noted. The teaching force during his incumbency has been increased from forty-nine to seventy-four and the enrollment of pupils from two thousand two hundred and ninety, to two thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, while many things tending to lessen the teacher's labors and at the same time make them effective have been

introduced; the course of study throughout has been modified and improved, the latest and most approved appliances purchased and everything in keeping with modern educational progress, tested and where practical retained.

Superintendent Ogg takes great interest in his teachers, all of whom are selected with especial reference to their ability to fill acceptably the positions to which assigned, the force being increased from time to time by such graduates from the high schools as he deems best fitted for the work. In fact he encourages many of the high school students to enter the teacher's profession and to this end devotes considerable time to pedagogic lectures and instruction on this important and far-reaching subject, being greatly prized by those who contemplate making the school room their chosen field of endeavor. That the advantage of a liberal education may be generally disseminated, he has encouraged young people of the county to attend high school by giving them every possible consideration.

In addition to the duties of the superintendency Mr. Ogg is deeply interested in educational matters throughout the state and from time to time, he has been honored with important official positions in various societies and associations, which make for the good of the work and the advancement of the teacher's profession. He was formerly an active and influential member of the Southern Teachers' Association, which he served one year as president; in 1897 he was president of the State Teachers' Association, besides holding the honorable position of president of the elementary department of the National Association, the largest and most important organization of teachers' of the United States. As a member of many important committees in those bodies, his influence has been felt while his suggestions have always commanded respect and carried weight. He has also served on a number of the leading committees in the City Superintendents' Association, besides taking

an active part in the discussions and general deliberations of the organization, advocating certain measures with masterly force and skill and opposing whatever he deemed dangerous to the progress of educational thought.

Superintendent Ogg is widely and favorably known as an institute worker and lecturer on educational subjects. He is an easy and pleasing speaker, and at times forceful and eloquent, his familiarity with the subject under consideration with his full command of strong and vigorous English making him popular with his audiences and to no small degree a master of the public assemblages. Before his classes he entertains and instructs at the same time. His style is direct and forceful, entirely free from redundancy, his perception is keen and his analysis acute and in all of his work he selects from a choice vocabulary the precise words that convey his meaning accurately and elegantly. His work in every department of education is characteristically practical and in teaching, in superintending and in devising or modifying the course of study, he possesses to a remarkable degree the sense of proportion and fitness. Continuous application through a period of thirty-six years has given him a clear and comprehensive insight into the philosophy of education and the largest wisdom as to method and means of attainment of ends, while his steady growth in public favor wherever he has labored and his popularity with teachers and pupils have won for him educational standing. He possesses the personal charm and tact which make him popular with the young and it is nothing unusual to see him on the street surrounded by a group of urchins, some of them clinging to his arms and all listening intently to what he may be saying. By entering into their spirit and pastimes, sympathizing with them in their troubles, listening to and settling their disputes and making their interests his own, he has become the idol, almost, of the juveniles of the city, his being one with them rendering the teachers' work easy and adding greatly to his own popular-

ity, not only with the children but also with the adult portion of the populace.

Although a school man in the broadest and best sense of the term and as such, making every other consideration secondary to his professional and official duties, Superintendent Ogg has never become narrow or pedantic as have so many whose lives have been spent in intimate association with the immature minds within the four walls of the school room. He is a well rounded, symmetrically developed man, fully alive to the demands of the times, thoroughly informed on the leading questions before the public and takes broad views of men and things. By keeping in touch with the times and the trend of current thought he is enabled to discharge the duties of citizenship in the intelligent manner becoming the level-headed American of today, and his acquaintances with the history of the country and its institutions makes him in the true meaning of the word a politician, but not a partisan. In state and national issues he votes with the Republican party, but in local matters and issues he is practically independent, voting as his judgment dictates, instead of obeying the behests of party leaders. He believes in progress in other than the profession to which he belongs and to attain the end manifests an abiding interest in whatever makes for the material advancement of the community, encouraging all worthy enterprises and lending his influence to means whereby his fellow men may be benefited, and made better. He is in hearty accord with laudable and healthful pastimes and sports, such as base ball, basket ball, hurdle and foot racing, and all kinds of athletics that tend to develop and strengthen the physical powers. These he encourages among the pupils of the schools, believing that development of the body as well as the mind and heart to be essential to the make-up of the scholarly and well rounded man.

Our subject owns a farm in Greene county, which he pur-

chased in a wild condition and with his own hands helped to clear and ditch, developing the land from a marshy state into a fine and productive place. For a month each summer he lies away to his farm and spends the time as a tiller of the soil. In this way he finds rest and recreation which the arduous duties of his office render imperative, and later returns to his work in the city, strengthened and refreshed in body and reinvigorated in mind. He has his farm thoroughly under drained and improved with substantial and comfortable buildings and from its cultivation no small part of his income is derived.

Superintendent Ogg was married in the year 1877 to Louise Hutcherson, of New Albany, Indiana, but at that time living in the town of Mitchell, where the ceremony was solemnized. The two children born of this union died in infancy. Superintendent and Mrs. Ogg have opened their home and hearts to several nephews and nieces whom they have partially reared and to whom they have devoted the same consideration and affection they would have shown to their own off-spring. Both are well known and highly esteemed in social and religious circles, moving as they do in the best society of their city and being active and prominent workers in the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are deeply interested in the Sunday school and have done much in their respective lines of endeavor to bring it up to the present high and flourishing condition. The superintendent now has charge of about thirty-five young men, the majority of them students of the high school, who profit by his analysis and interpretation of the word of God. He is a man of commanding influence in his church, both in local and general matters, stands high in the councils and deliberations of the organization in Kokomo. He has also been prominent in the state Sunday school work, being for several years a member of the board of directors of the State Association, attending at intervals the various

conventions under the auspices of the State Sunday School Association, besides being a delegate to the interdenominational conventions, in all of which bodies his voice has been heard in behalf of better methods of instruction and a higher grade of teachers, for what he considers one of the greatest and most important fields of labor ever vouchsafed to human instrumentality. The Beta Theta Phi Society, a college fraternity, is the only fraternal organization with which he is identified, nevertheless he is in sympathy with the ends which secret benevolent societies have in view and to the extent of his ability and influence strives to live up to the high standard of manhood and citizenship which they enjoin. He was for six years a member of the board of trustees of Indiana University.

Superintendent Ogg is a gentleman of pleasing personality, refined and cultured, courteous in his relations with his fellow men and retains the warm and abiding friendship of all with whom he associates. His individuality, which is very distinct, is impressed upon any work with which he is connected, and in the accomplishment of a purpose, he is willing to assume any amount of labor required or any measure of responsibility incurred. In brief he is a broad-minded, manly man, a credit to his profession, a leader among the educators of the state, and a gentleman without pretense whom to know is to respect and honor.

JOHN L. VINNEY.

The subject of this sketch is a well known and popular citizen who has been commissioned pension attorney at Kokomo where his labors among his fellow men have made him a much liked public character, being known as a man of keen perceptive faculties, un-

usual soundness of judgment and upright in all his dealings with his fellow countrymen, until today his name stands high on the scroll of honored residents of Howard county.

John L. Viney was born in Fayette county, West Virginia, January 12, 1840, and came to Indiana with his mother and step-father in 1852, settling in Carroll county. The name of the latter was John V. Fullwider and his mother's name was Francisma. The subject was reared to manhood in that county, living there until past twenty years of age, when he felt it his duty to sever home ties and offer his services in suppressing the great rebellion that was threatening the Republic, consequently he enlisted in September, 1861, in Company A, Forty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, at Delphi, Carroll county, with John H. Gould, ex-judge of the circuit court, as captain. The company saw its first service in Kentucky and Tennessee, later in Missouri, where New Madrid was taken; then in Arkansas and Mississippi; was sent to New Orleans, and later returned to Vicksburg, where it engaged in the great siege for forty-seven days, and was in the army that took Jackson, Mississippi. The company was again sent to New Orleans with General Banks and to Matagorda Bay. The subject was wounded November 3, 1863, at Faus Caron Crow Bayou, Louisiana, receiving a musket ball in the left arm and side. The ball came out and he still has it in his possession, together with a part of the bloody coat sleeve. He refused a discharge from the general hospital, the chief surgeon advising it, and after a furlough of sixty days he rejoined his company at New Orleans, being at that time on the Red river expedition. Being wounded he was refused, but was put in charge of twenty men in guarding repair shops, later serving as military police in New Orleans. He assisted in making out the pay rolls of non-veterans for six or seven regiments. He was discharged December 1, 1864, after an absence from home of three years and three months, and came

back to Carroll county. He had met Susan Z. Powell in New Orleans, a southern girl, born in Panola county, Texas, and educated in New Orleans, who then lived at Tangipahoe Station, Louisiana, where her parents moved October, 17, 1864, but he left her to come home for the purpose of being mustered out. He sent for her and she came on to Burlington, Carroll county, Indiana. Her family was divided, one brother was a captain on a Confederate gun boat and lost a leg at the battle of Bayou Beth, Louisiana. One brother, Henry, was in the Seventh Louisiana "Tigers". One sister was also in league with the South, but the girl who became our subject's wife was a Northern sympathizer. One brother, who attempted to surrender, was accidentally shot by Federal troops.

After returning home Mr. Viney engaged in farming for several years near Burlington, Carroll county. His wound somewhat handicapped him for farm work, and he went to Burlington, engaging in a grocery store for six years. He was postmaster of that town under Harrison's administration, having ably served in that capacity for four years and six months. Then he was elected assessor for one term, after which he was re-appointed postmaster under President McKinley, serving another term for four years and again was re-appointed for four years, but resigned after nine years of service as postmaster, having been compelled to do so on account of failing health. He came to Kokomo May 20, 1902. For a time he clerked in a store; then operated a garden and since 1906 has been devoting his time exclusively to his duties as pension attorney, having a commission dating back to General Q. C. LaMars as secretary, having served in a similar capacity in Carroll county after the war for three terms. He has also been deputy county assessor for one term and also did other similar work on various boards. He was quarter master of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Burlington, of which he was a charter member, having held the position mentioned until the post was disbanded.

Mr. Viney had one son, Claude, by his first wife, living in Kokomo. The first wife of the subject passed to her rest after they had been married sixteen years. The mother of the subject's first wife was a radical Union woman. Mr. Viney married Mary C. McGuire, of Burlington, November 18, 1878. He has the following children by this union: Omar, living in Kokomo; Roscoe, a nail maker; Ethel, a milliner; Myrtle is a school girl in 1908. Mr. Viney is and has been notary public for about eleven years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been well and favorably known wherever he has resided, always maintaining a high standard of living, being upright, industrious, honest and kind hearted, so that he makes friends easily.

PROF. SHERIDAN COX.

Of high professional and academic attainments and possessing organizing force and executive ability of a superior order the late Sheridan Cox, of Kokomo, for twenty years the efficient superintendent of the city's educational system, achieved honorable distinction in one of the most responsible and exacting callings and at the time of his lamented death occupied a conspicuous and influential place among the leading educators of the Middle West. As an organizer he had few equals as his work in various places abundantly indicate, as an executive he possessed rare judgment and foresight, together with the ability and tact which enabled him to take advantage of circumstances and mould them to suit his purposes, and as an instructor he had the faculty of imparting to others precisely and specifically what he knew so as to obtain the best possible results. Distinctively one of the most successful educators of his day

and generation in Indiana, and a gentleman of commanding talents and sterling worth whom to know was to esteem and honor, he left the impress of his individuality deeply impressed upon his various fields of labor, the schools which organized and raised to a high state of efficiency through his efforts constituting a monument to his ability and painstaking endeavor.

Prof. Cox was a native of Harrison county, Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 20th day of December, 1833. His early life amid the stimulating influences of rural scenes was conducive to a well rounded physical development and on his father's farm, where he spent his childhood and youth, he not only learned habits of industry but matured plans for the future with the object in view of becoming something more than a mere passive agent in a world which called for men of strong will and well defined purposes to direct and control its affairs. Possessing a keen and naturally inquisitive mind and a liking almost akin to passion for books and study he made rapid progress in the country schools which he first attended, the discipline thus received being afterwards supplemented by a course in the McNeely Normal School at Hopedale, where he prosecuted his studies for the purpose of fitting himself for the still higher training of the university. In due time he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he applied himself closely and earned an honorable record as an able and industrious student, standing among the first of his class when he was graduated in the year 1862 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Prior to and during his university course he devoted considerable time to teaching and immediately after receiving his degree he accepted a professorship in Marshall College, Marshall, Illinois, which he held one year, resigning the position at the expiration of that time to take charge of the public schools at Winchester, Indiana.

Professor Cox's advancement as an educator was rapid, and it

was not long until his services were in demand in other and larger fields than the one at Winchester, where he earned such a creditable record as a superintendent and instructor. Learning of his success as an organizer and manager the school board at Logansport, Indiana, tendered him the superintendency of the schools of the city, which position he accepted and in which he accomplished a work of great and far-reaching importance, such as had never before been attempted in the place and as signally successful perhaps as any of his subsequent efforts. He found the schools of the city in a disorganized condition with no executive head, each teacher being independent and privileged to make his own course of study. In due time he effected a radical and important change, evolving order from chaos by reorganizing the entire educational system and establishing it upon a permanent basis and securing only such teachers as were professionally qualified to conduct the work assigned them. The happy results of his efforts were soon apparent in the enlarged enrollment of pupils, the adoption of a systematic course of study and the introduction of new and improved methods together with a full complement of apparatus for scientific and other work in the higher grades. Mrs. Cox was elected principal of the high school and as such proved the right person in the right place, being eminently fitted by professional and academic training for the duties and responsibilities of the position and so demonstrated her ability as a teacher that within a comparatively brief time the apartment was crowded to its utmost capacity with eager and ambitious students, not a few of whom were young men and women from the rural districts, anxious to avail themselves of this opportunity for acquiring an education. From the time that Mrs. Cox became principal of the high school it took on new life and during the seven years she held the position the growth was steady and substantial and its popularity much more than local as was indicated by the large number of

students that came from other parts, many of whom, as already stated, in the first blush of young manhood and womanhood. Never was the attendance of non-resident pupils so great as during her incumbency and it is a matter of frequent comment that after her resignation there was a decided diminution in this class of learners. Among those who formerly profited by the able instruction of Mrs. Cox and who hold her name in grateful remembrance are many of the representative men and women of Logansport and Cass county, some filling honorable positions in law, medicine, business and other vocations and all attributing to her any success in life they may have obtained.

In the year 1873 Professor Cox and his estimable wife severed their connections with the schools of Logansport to accept similar positions in Kokomo where, during the ensuing twenty years, they labored earnestly and effectively, bringing the educational system of that city to a high degree of efficiency and making it one of the best in the state. As a superintendent Professor Cox had no superiors. An excellent disciplinarian, the schools under his management were always orderly and in the highest degree systematic and between his teachers and himself a mutual confidence ever obtained while his relations with pupils were such as to gain their good will and profound regard. Personally he was the most affable and companionable of men, possessing to a marked degree the qualities that win and retain strong friendships and his high standing as a citizen with the best interests of his fellow men at heart gave him influence such as few in the community exercised. In appearance he was above the average height and compactly built, a commanding figure in any crowd or assemblage and of calm dignified demeanor, moving among his fellows as one born to leadership. Notwithstanding the dignity of his presence, he had a pleasing and attractive personality, was easily approachable and though modest

and unostentatious in his relations with the world, made every other consideration subordinate to duty regardless of consequences and lived in harmony with his highest ideals of manhood and citizenship.

Professor Cox was a student all his life, from his first experiments in living until its toilsome close. He accepted labor as the motive duty and destiny of man and never was he known timidly to shrink from its mandate or injunction. Labor to him was a joy and pleasure and his ambition to excel in the noble field of endeavor to which his talents were devoted became the predominate incentive of his life. That he rose to a high and honorable position among the distinguished educators of Indiana and won a reputation second to none of his contemporaries was due to his inborn determination to succeed and in the broadest and best sense of the term he was the architect of his own fortune, and eminently worthy to wear the proud American title of "a self-made man".

After serving the people of Kokomo very acceptably for a period of twenty years and identifying his name for all time with the educational interests of the city he resigned the superintendency and established the Maplewood Classical School, which in conjunction with his wife, he conducted until his death and which has become a popular educational institution, patronized and greatly prized by the best families of the city besides attracting students from other places. In his church relations the professor was a Methodist and for many years occupied a position of commanding influence in religious circles, having been an influential worker in the Grace church of Kokomo and widely and favorably known in his denomination throughout the state. He also stood high in Masonry, in which he took a number of the advanced degrees, including that of Sir Knight and Chaplain of the Grand Lodge and was ever active in disseminating the principles of the order among his fellow men, his own life affording a conspicuous example of their value when applied to human affairs.

Professor Cox was an upright, manly man of noble aims, high ideals and generous impulses whose life was fraught with good to his kind and whose long and useful career presented a series of continued successes such as few educators achieve. There were no whirl-eddies or cascades in the current of his years, it had rather a quiet, steady, earnest and placid flow. He chose the noiseless ways and paths of the world rather than the din and clamor of the maddening crowd that induce unrest, but when it became necessary to enter the public arena he did so fearlessly and left upon the minds of his contemporaries the impress of duty ably and faithfully performed. As already indicated, he aimed to be thorough and exhaustive in all he undertook, assuming nothing and taking nothing for granted, any subject under his consideration received his undivided attention and discriminating thought. This accounts very largely for his success as a teacher and superintendent, and for the honorable standing which he attained in social and religious life and in the world of affairs. If there was one mastering, dominant instinct or impulse of his nature, it was to do right for he early chose the good as his law and always aimed and labored to diffuse it. His temperament was even, calm but positive, and like his morality it never abated. He cared little about the probabilities—the end was the truth and from this he would not fluctuate nor with less than logical or rational motives make excursions from it. He was withal a man of warm heart and tender sensibilities and few unkind words ever escaped his lips. His friendships were ardent and unflattering, his integrity and candor above reproach and his large and genial nature stole into the minds and hearts of all who knew him in such a way as to gain and permanently retain their confidence and esteem. After an illness of one week's duration, on May 20, of the year 1900, Sheridan Cox, student, teacher, professor, superintendent and prominent educator, also an influential co-laborer with good men and women in

worthy, noble Christian enterprises, closed his eyes in that sleep which ends this transient mortal life.

Bessie Goodbarne, wife of Professor Sheridan Cox and, like him, educator of distinction and many years' experience, was born at New Philadelphia and received her early mental discipline in the schools of her native town, subsequently pursuing the higher branches of study under the direction of some of the most noted instructors of the state. Among those from whose teaching she profited were Professor Joseph Welty; Rev. A. M. Bicknell, of the Lutheran church; Rev. A. F. Oerter, of the Moravian church; and her own husband, all men of distinguished talents in educational circles and widely and favorably known in their respective spheres of endeavor. In due time she became a teacher and soon made an enviable record as such before and after her marriage, her success as principal of the Logansport and Kokomo high schools, as already indicated, gaining for her a prominent place among the leading educators of a state long noted for the high order of its teaching talent. Her work in the high school of the former city was especially successful and it is doubtful if the high school there has ever had a more efficient principal, certainly never a more popular one and the same with equal propriety may be said of her long and useful and distinguished career in Kokomo.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Cox has devoted her attention to the Maplewood Classical School which, under her efficient and judicious management, has become one of the most successful and popular institutions of the kind in northern Indiana, its aim being not only to prepare students for college but to give them a thorough training in the ordinary branches as well as to the end that they may be well fitted for the duties and responsibilities of life. Students from this school are admitted to all eastern colleges as well as to the colleges, high institutions of learning in all parts of

the country without examination, the course of study including in addition to the common and high school branches, the six books of Virgil and the seven orations of Cicero, the higher mathematics, physics, biology and other advanced studies for the completion of which degree are conferred at the annual graduating exercise, the granting of these degrees being authorized by the state. Aside from her school interests and reputation in educational circles, Mrs. Cox is identified with the social, intellectual and religious advancement of the city in which she resides, being active in church work, a leader in the literary life and moving in the best society of the community. She is a lady of beautiful character, affable in her relations with others, a close and critical student of many subjects, not the least being the world's best literature, of which her knowledge is both wide and profound, and the high esteem in which she is held bears evidence to her many admirable qualities of mind and heart.

Professor and Mrs. Cox never had any children of their own, but some years ago they opened their home and hearts to two boys, whom they reared to maturity and to whom they gave all the care and advantages they would have shown to children of their own flesh and blood. One of these lads grew to useful manhood and is now a well known physician and surgeon, practicing his profession in Kokomo.

EDGAR V. GOYER.

The subject of this review is a representative farmer and stock grower of Howard township, Howard county, and he is known as one of the alert, progressive and successful young agriculturists of this favored section of the Hoosier state. In his labors he has not permitted himself to follow in the rut in a blind, apathetic way, but

has studied and experimented and thus secured the maximum returns from his enterprising efforts, while he has so ordered his course at all times as to command the confidence and regard of the people of the community in which he lives, being a man of honorable business methods and advocating whatever tends to promote the public welfare in any way.

Edgar V. Goyer was born in Howard county, Indiana, June 10, 1875, and, believing that better opportunities were to be found right at his own door than in other fields of endeavor, he preferred to remain on his native hills, and judging from the success he has achieved here one must conclude that his decision was a wise one. The parents of the subject are Vesspassian and Lucy (Remington) Goyer. Grandfather Goyer was a native of Pennsylvania, who moved to Howard county, Indiana, where he settled about 1850. He secured some unimproved land. He built a log cabin here and began clearing the land, transforming it into a valuable farm on which he lived until well advanced in years. He was a Republican and well known in his community. He was an old man when he was called from his earthly labors, and his good life companion was also well advanced in years when she passed away several years after her husband's death. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity.

The father of our subject, who was born in Pennsylvania, came to Indiana before the Civil war. He secured one hundred and sixty acres of land which he cleared, improved and made an excellent farm of. Here he raised his family and spent the remainder of his days, dying at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. His early life was spent in Pennsylvania where he became fairly well educated, later being able to successfully teach several terms of school. He was an active member of the United Brethren church, having been a class leader, Sunday school superintendent and a teacher in the same. He

was also a fine musician and a teacher of music. He was noted for his upright, conscientious Christian life and he was highly respected by all who knew him. The subject's mother, who is still living at the age of seventy-five years in 1908, was also an active member of the United Brethren church and she has been a Christian woman in all that the term implies. Eleven children were born to the subject's parents, nine of whom reached maturity.

Our subject attended the district schools and worked on his father's farm during his youth, and he has lived on a farm all his life. After his marriage he rented ground of his father on the grain share for five years and then bought a farm on which he lived and devoted his attention for three years. He then sold out and bought the farm of one hundred and twenty-two acres on which he has since lived. This farm has been placed in a high state of productiveness through the superior skill of Mr. Goyer. It is one of the best improved farms in the township, and a modern and commodious residence has been built by the owner, also an up-to-date and convenient barn has been recently built; many other splendid buildings adorn the place. All the fields are under an excellent system of drainage; the fences are mostly of wire. The soil of this fine farm is as productive as it was when the subject first took possession of it. He rotates his crops in such a manner, clover every third year, that the soil never grows thin and he uses all home fertilizers but no commercial fertilizing material.

Mr. Goyer carries on a general system of farming, feeding all the corn raised on the place to hogs and other stock; his favorite breed of hogs being the Poland-China. Needless to add that the subject has been successful in farming from the first, and he is regarded as one of the most progressive and painstaking agriculturists in Howard township, using rare judgment and foresight in all his undertakings and seldom makes a mistake in his calculations.

Mr. Goyer was united in marriage in September, 1896, to Maud Hostetter, the accomplished daughter of Monteville and Maria A. (Green) Hostetter. There has been no issue to this union.

Mr. Goyer is a Republican in politics, but never has aspired to office.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON DUKE.

In presenting the biography of this well remembered gentleman, whose life was that of a high grade man, of noble ideals and laudable ambitions, we believe that the reader will be benefited and encouraged, for his was a life that made for success because of the honorable principles he employed in dealing with his fellow men and because of the many admirable attributes he possessed which made his daily walk one worthy to be emulated.

Alexander H. Duke was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, September 15, 1840, the son of David and Jane (McCoy) Duke, the latter a native of Kentucky and the former of Pennsylvania. When our subject was six years old, his parents removed to Delphi, Indiana, where David Duke built a mill, which he operated until he became wealthy. Here our subject learned the miller's trade. During the war they moved to Kokomo, starting a hotel. Here the subject's mother died in 1870. David remarried and went to Goshen, where he died at about the age of seventy years, the three sons and two daughters remaining at Kokomo were: Lady Day Huff, a widow; Hattie Walsh, also a widow; Charles, George and Alexander.

Our subject enlisted first for three months when he heard his country's call for troops, then re-enlisted in the Forty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served through the war with distinction, receiving an honorable discharge, having been wounded by a piece of

shell striking his knee. He was in many battles and ranked as orderly sergeant, and other non-commissioned offices. While absent in the army his family moved to Kokomo. David Duke had lost his property by going security and Alexander loaned him money to start in the hotel business. Later he engaged in the confectionary business. The father managed these affairs until our subject returned from the army when he took charge. He was city marshal for six years after the war; then elected sheriff for two years, and he remained in charge of the bakery and confectionery until his death. He made an excellent sheriff and did much to corral many noted criminals, bringing them to justice, and he became popular through his excellent management of the duties entrusted to him by the public. He had built an excellent two-story brick building on Main street, where his bakery and confectionery were housed before his death, which occurred October 30, 1869, at the age of fifty-nine years. He also served in the city council for six years, having been councilman at the time of his death from the first ward. While he always favored improvements, he looked well to curtailing expenses, being as careful of the public's business as he was of his own, which was excellently managed. He was ever ready to protect the widows and aid those who needed help.

Mr. Duke was a radical Republican and was active in all elections. He had the happy faculty of devoting his undivided attention to whatever he had on hand.

Mr. Duke was united in marriage on October 4, 1870, to Louisa Clatterbough, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and reared at Eaton, Ohio, her ancestors first coming to Kokomo in 1860. The subject's wife operated a dress making shop in this city in company with a sister-in-law. Two interesting children have been born to this union, May and Georgia, both living at home.

Mr. Duke found his greatest enjoyment with his friends and he

often had gentlemen friends at his home, his splendid residence having been erected about 1881.

The subject was a man who attended strictly to his own business and never mixed in other people's affairs. Prior to his death he was an invalid for some years, but he was always cheerful, giving evidence of unusual fortitude and patience. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and endeavored to live up to the noble ideals it set forth. He was a liberal minded, whole-souled, kind hearted and withal a useful and noble man, who justly won the unstinted praise and respect of all who knew him.

WILLIAM T. TEMPLIN.

The subject of this sketch, who has been a resident of Howard county for nearly a half century in 1908, having been born here on August 7, 1850, has won a well deserved reputation as one of the distinctively progressive husbandmen of his locality and has also gained the reputation of a man of high character and sterling principles. He is the son of Jacob and Deborah (Fruit) Templin, the former born in Ohio and the latter in Jay county, Indiana. Grandfather Timothy Templin moved to Howard county among the pioneers, about 1838, and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land, on which he built a log cabin, twelve feet square, which was occupied by his wife and their four children for some time. The only tools he had to build the cabin with was an axe; but he cleared the land and in time made a good farm of it, spending the balance of his life here, having lived on this place for nearly sixty years. At the time of his death, which occurred when he was seventy-six years old, it was all cleared up and under a high state

of improvements. He was trustee of Howard township for one term and he assisted in erecting the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal church in the neighborhood, in the congregation of which he was always a faithful worker, being a member of this organization for many years; his wife was also an active and faithful member of this church which was Methodist in creed. The latter survived her husband about one year, being at the time of her death well past the psalmist's allotted three score and ten years when she was called to her reward. They were the parents of thirteen children, five of whom lived to maturity. Richard, one of the boys, was a soldier in an Indiana regiment in the Union army, serving out his enlistment and receiving an honorable discharge and soon thereafter died from disease contracted during the war, having been sick when he came home. It is said of him that he never failed to have his daily worship during his service in the army.

The father of the subject was seven years old when he was brought to Howard county. As a boy he had attended the district schools in Ohio. There was a school house on one corner of his father's farm where he went to school and where he met the girl who afterwards became his wife. He remained with his parents on the farm until he was married at the age of nineteen. Then his father gave him a small farm, which was later added to until he had one hundred and sixty acres of good land, which he cleared up and improved, but later sold and returned to live on a portion of the old homestead, which was added to until he had three hundred acres, all of which was well improved in time, accumulating considerable property by his thrift and good management. But this farm was later sold, the subject having been unfortunate in a fire which destroyed an elevator and some other property belonging to him, which compelled him to close out his farming, although he held a portion of his land. He and his sons bought one hundred and sixty acres

adjoining of partly improved land, which was transformed into a good farm on which Jacob Templin, our subject's father, is still living at the age of seventy-three at this writing. His main work has been farming although he operated a grain elevator for several years. He also managed a pump factory and a hardware store for a time. He has always been an active member of the Methodist church. Twelve children were born to Jacob Templin and wife, ten of whom lived to maturity. Mrs. Templin is still living at the age of seventy-two. She, too, is a loyal Methodist and has been a woman of great courage and had a capacity for much work.

Grandfather Fruit was born in Ireland. He settled in Howard county after coming to America and assisted in digging the canal at Peru. He is remembered as a very strong and vigorous man physically. Both he and his wife belonged to the Newlight church. He owned a farm in Howard county, which he sold and moved to Wisconsin, where he bought a farm and remained during the balance of his life. It was there that the mother of Mrs. Templin died and Mr. Fruit again married. There were six children by his first wife and five by his second. Two children by his first wife were soldiers from Indiana in the Civil war, one of whom died while in the army. Grandfather Fruit lived to be eighty-one years old. Grandmother Fruit was about fifty years old when she died.

William T. Templin, our subject, attended public school in Howard county until he was nineteen years old, working for his father the meanwhile. He was married at the age of nineteen. Soon afterward he bought a farm and worked it for ten years when he sold it and bought the farm on which he now resides in Howard township. It consists of eighty acres which is well improved in every way, having been skillfully managed by our subject, who is regarded as one of the best and most painstaking farmers in his community, the farm being at present in a much higher state of pro-

ductiveness than when he took possession of it. He feeds all the corn the place produces to hogs. His place is fenced with wire and cement posts, which he manufactures on the farm. He regards them superior to wood in many ways, being less expensive and are supposed to be much more durable.

The subject was married in 1879 to Florence McQuiston, daughter of John and Susan (Julian) McQuiston, natives of this state. They are living on a farm in Howard county. They are members of the Newlight church.

Three children have been born to the subject and wife as follows: Cora Dell, born in 1880, is the wife of Harvey Kendall, living in this county, and the mother of three children: Eva, born in 1883, is the wife of William Buchanan, a farmer in Howard county and the mother of one child; Loruma M., born in 1885, is the wife of S. F. Buchanan, also a farmer in this county.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Templin are Methodists, the former being treasurer of the local church, and both are active in the work of the same. Politically Mr. Templin is a staunch Republican, and it would be hard to find within the limits of Howard county a more public-spirited, scrupulously honest and altogether upright citizen than our subject, who has long enjoyed the friendship and esteem of all who know him, having ever led a consistent and well ordered life as has also his entire family.

LINDLEY M. FARLOW.

The gentleman to a review of whose honorable career we now call the attention of the reader is one of the representative citizens of Howard county and one of the best known and most substantial

farmers in Monroe township, having maintained his home in this locality for nearly a quarter of a century, being the owner of a fine landed estate. An analysis of his life work shows that he has been dependent upon no inheritance or influential friends for what he has acquired, but has through his continued effort and capable management gained a desirable property whereby he is classed among the self-made and influential men of the community.

Lindley M. Farlow was born in Orange county, Indiana, October 20, 1853, the son of Jonathan and Mary (Hill) Farlow, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Orange county, Indiana. She is still living there in 1908, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Her husband passed to his rest in September, 1873. His father, the grandfather of the subject, was Joseph Farlow, a native of North Carolina, who came to Indiana in 1811, settling near Paoli, entering a large tract of land there, giving each of his children one hundred and sixty acres. He was a hard working man and cleared a great deal of this land, transforming it into a valuable and highly productive farm. He married Ruth Lindley, who passed to the spirit land in 1854, having been preceded to the other shore by her husband in 1843.

The subject's great-grandfather was Jonathan Farlow, but scarcely anything of him is known to the present generation. The father of the subject, also named Jonathan Farlow, grew up in Orange county, Indiana. He was born in July, 1807, and was four years old when his parents brought him to Orange county. He remained at home during his young manhood, assisting in clearing a farm in the pioneer days of the Hoosier state, and attended such schools as those early times afforded. He was a Whig when that party was in power, and later became a Republican. He became well known, being a kindly disposed man and always ready to lend assistance and aid to those in need, having assisted in a material way

many poor people. He devoted his life to farming, becoming interested in a bank later in life. He was an active worker in the Friends church, and he was called from his earthly labors in 1873. He was twice married, first to Ruth Maris, of Orange county, Indiana. Five children were born to this union, namely: Jane, deceased; Joseph, a merchant and grain dealer at Independence, Kansas; Deborah, deceased; Thomas, also deceased; Nathan, who is a merchant at Independence, Kansas. Four children were born to the subject's father by his second wife, namely: Lindley M., our subject; Ruth, who died in young womanhood; Ellen, who married Joseph Trimble, of Paoli, this state; Asenath, who is living with her mother.

Our subject's education was received in the home schools and in the high school at Paoli, Indiana, remaining at home until 1885. In 1878 he was united in marriage with Mary Peacock, of New London, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Jones) Peacock, natives of North Carolina. They lived in Howard county, the mother now being deceased, the father residing in Kokomo.

The following children have been born to the subject and wife: Lois, who was educated in the home schools and graduated at the New London, Indiana, high school, and developing into a teacher, which she has followed since 1900, now teaching in Kokomo; Ed O., who married September 14, 1907, his wife having been known in her girlhood as Pansy Thompson, of New London. This son lives at home with his father, assisting with the management of the farm. Lilith M., the third child, is a graduate of the New London high school, and is at present a student at Earlham College.

The subject's wife passed to her rest September 16, 1902.

Mr. Farlow came to Howard county in 1885, locating in Monroe township, having there bought his present farm of eighty acres, known as the Thomas place. This well improved and highly productive place is now known as "The Middle Brook Farm". On this

place is an excellent orchard of a choice variety of fruits, and a modern, commodious and nicely furnished dwelling and many convenient out buildings also stand on the place. Mr. Farlow takes a great interest in stock, being an excellent judge of all kinds of live stock. He is a breeder of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, and it would be hard to find a finer grade of this class of stock anywhere than is to be seen in his pastures. He also raises excellent Southdown sheep and Poland China hogs.

Mr. Farlow served as trustee of Monroe township in a most acceptable manner from 1890 to 1904. He is a member of the school board, and has always been a loyal Republican. He is an active worker in the Friends church at New London, having been superintendent of the Sunday school there for six years.

Our subject is a man of kindly disposition, pleasant to all classes, honest and thoroughly trustworthy, according to the large circle of acquaintances which he can claim and he is much admired by all who know him for his uprightness and business integrity.

WILLIAM T. CARTER.

There is no calling however humble, in which enterprise and industry, coupled with a well directed purpose, will not be productive of some measure of success and in the pursuit of agriculture the qualities mentioned are quite essential. Among the well known and highly respected farmers of Howard county who have attained to a definite degree of success in their line and who, at the same time have greatly benefited the community in which they live, is the gentleman to a review of whose career we now direct the reader's attention.

William T. Carter was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, in 1852, the son of Nathan and Mary (Browning) Carter, natives of New Jersey, who moved to this state during its early settlement, having entered land, farmed and raised a family in Indiana during its infancy among the sister states of the Union, and where they remained during the balance of their lives, the father dying at the age of seventy years. Like many of the pioneer people their family was large, consisting of twenty-one children. They were active members of the Methodist church. He had nearly one thousand acres of land and became very prosperous. He is remembered as a very generous man. This family were Methodists back to the days of the subject's great-grandfather. The subject's maternal grandfather came from New Jersey with his parents to Bartholomew county, remaining with his father on the farm until of age, attending such schools as there were in the county at that time, receiving what was then called a good education. He was always a farmer, having inherited a portion of his father's land, making his home there and accumulating other property until he had about five hundred acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, all of whom reached maturity and raised families of their own. He was a Methodist minister and died at the age of fifty years. His wife was also a Methodist.

The father of our subject was born in 1820 in Bartholomew county and received his early education in that county, working in the meantime on his father's farm, later inheriting and making a home on part of this land, but he sold out there and came to Howard county in 1860, buying the farm on which our subject and his mother now reside, which consists of one hundred and forty-seven acres. Nathan Carter lived on this farm until his death in 1903, at the age of seventy-three years. He received a fairly good education and was known as a public-spirited man and generous to the needy. He was

a Methodist in his religious affiliations. Two children were born to Nathan Carter and wife; the name of the other child beside our subject is Elzie M., who is a machinist in Kokomo. He is married and has one child.

The mother of grandmother Carter was a Miss Francis, born in Virginia, but this family moved to Ohio where she and Mr. Browning were married, the father being a native of Ohio. They came to Indiana in 1840 and settled in Bartholomew county, where land was entered by them and on which they farmed and lived until their death which occurred on the same day, less than six hours apart. The father reached the age of eighty-two and the mother seventy-five. The date of their deaths was 1867. They were Methodists. Mrs. Carter had two brothers in the Civil war who enlisted from Indiana, Thomas being in the Seventy-third Regiment Volunteer Infantry and was wounded in the battle of Antietam, the wound being so serious that his discharge from the service became necessary, after he had served over one year. He never recovered from the wound, having been a cripple to the present day. The other brother, Vincent, was in the Seventy-Ninth Volunteer Infantry, and he served until the close of the war, having been once captured but was exchanged.

The father of the subject was of Irish descent and the mother of English ancestry, the latter being seventy-three years old in 1908 and is living with her son, our subject. She is a woman of much more than ordinary intelligence, her memory is bright and her physical health perfect.

William T. Carter, our subject, attended school in Bartholomew and Howard counties, working in the meantime on his father's farm where he remained until his father's death in Howard county. He was sixteen years old when he moved to his present farm in Howard county where he has since remained. This farm is exceptionally well drained, the work having been done by the subject and his father,

and the fences are of wood and wire, being in excellent condition. The soil has been kept up to its former productive capacity through the skillful management of our subject, who is a modern farmer in every respect. He not only feeds all the corn to stock that the place produces but purchases much additional. He believes in the use of clover to keep his land properly fertilized, always rotating his crops. He feeds hogs for the market. Poland China is his favorite breed, and he is regarded not only as one of the most up-to-date farmers in the township where his fine farm is located, but also as a man of unusually good judgment in the selection, care and handling of all kinds of live stock.

Mr. Carter was united in marriage in 1887 to Jennie F. Belt a native of Howard county. Her parents were natives of Ohio.

Two children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Glen A., born in 1879, is on the farm with his father; Verna B., who was born in 1880, died at the age of two years, having lost his life in a tragic and unfortunate manner, having been burned to death in a fire which destroyed the subject's barn. Mrs. Carter was called to her rest in 1882, at the early age of twenty-two years. She was a woman of many estimable traits, being a faithful Methodist, of which faith our worthy subject is also an adherent, having been an elder in the church.

Fraternally he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, lodge at Kokomo. In politics he is a Republican, long been active in the party, serving with credit on various committees. He is a man of many praiseworthy traits, being scrupulously honest in all his dealings with the business world, generous and pleasant, possessing rare fortitude and good judgment, advocating clean politics, wholesome living and honesty in business. Needless to add that such a man has hosts of friends and stands high in the estimation of all who know him.

WILLIAM MERANDA.

Among the citizens of Taylor township, Howard county, Indiana, who have built up a comfortable home and surrounded themselves with valuable landed estates and personal property, few have attained a higher degree of success than the subject of this sketch. With few opportunities except what his own efforts were capable of mastering and with many discouragements to overcome, he has made an exceptional success in life and in his old age has the gratification of knowing that the community in which he has resided has been benefited by his presence and his counsel.

William Meranda was born in Fayette county, Indiana, December 4, 1839, the son of Samuel and Susan (Shinkle) Meranda. Grandfather Meranda was a native of Kentucky. Grandfather Shinkle was from Pennsylvania, the family having settled there in 1717.

The father of the subject was born in 1788. He secured a farm in his youth which he managed successfully all his life. He was in the War of 1812, also fought against the Indians at the battle of Tippecanoe, serving through each and receiving honorable discharges. Samuel L. Meranda, a brother of our subject, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he died while in the service of disease contracted while in line of duty, at Louisville, Kentucky. Francis Harland, a son of our subject's sister, was also an Indiana soldier in the Union ranks, who also died of disease while in the army.

Samuel Meranda, father of the subject, was born in Kentucky and reared there, but his early educational advantages were limited. He always followed farming and married in Brown county, Ohio. Coming to Fayette county, Indiana, he entered one hundred and

twenty acres of land which he cleared and improved, making a good home there and rearing his family on this land, dying there July 2, 1868, at the advanced age of eighty years. He and his wife were active members of the Newlight church, in which the former was an elder for years. Eleven children were born to them, seven of whom reached maturity, five of them raising families; our subject being the tenth in order of birth. The mother was nearly seventy-eight years old at the time of her death.

William Meranda, our subject, was reared in Fayette county, this state, receiving there a district school education, remaining on his father's farm and a member of the family circle until he was twenty-one years old, when he responded to the patriotic spirit that prompted him to enlist his services in defense of the flag when the Republic was threatened with dissolution, consequently in September, 1861, he became a member of Company L, Forty-first Indiana Regiment, Second Cavalry, going into camp at Indianapolis, where the company was drilled. The company was later sent into Kentucky under General McCook. The subject was in eighteen engagements among which were Stone River and Perrysburg, first battle at Nashville, Bowling Green and fought during the Bragg and Buell raids in Kentucky. He was disabled and transferred to the invalid corps, in which he remained one year. He served to the end of his three years' enlistment and then was honorably discharged. After the war he returned to his old home in Fayette county, Indiana, taking charge of the farm and caring for his parents for the next three years. Then he bought a farm in Howard county, moving thereto about 1868, later selling out here and returned to Fayette county. His father having died he bought the old home farm of one hundred and twenty acres on which he farmed for three years, then sold it and returned to Howard county, buying a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Taylor township, on which he has since re-

sided. It was only partially cleared at the time he took charge of it. Mr. Meranda has cleared thirty acres himself, one hundred and fifteen acres now being under the plow, ten acres are in timber, the balance in blue grass pasture. The farm is well drained with tile, of which there are over eighteen hundred rods on this place, which the subject put in himself. Since this was done crops can be raised on all the place. The fences are mostly of wood. The soil is in excellent productive condition, owing to his skillful management. He feeds his corn to cattle and hogs. His out buildings are in first class order and his dwelling house is modern and of fine appearance. The farm is considered one of the best and most desirable in Taylor township, in fact, it would be hard to find a better improved or more productive place in Howard county.

Mr. Meranda was married December 26, 1864, to Margaret Love, daughter of William and Eliza (West) Love, natives of Ohio. Thomas Love, a brother of Mrs. Meranda, was a soldier in the Civil war in an Ohio regiment, serving three years, receiving an honorable discharge from Company K, Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Sylvester Love, a cousin of Mrs. Meranda, was in the same company and regiment, also served three years, receiving an honorable discharge. Mrs. Meranda's people were farmers and spent their days in Ohio, the father living to be nearly eighty years old; the mother is living in Ohio, being eighty-nine years old in 1908. She has the active use of all her faculties. Her father was twice married, his wives having been sisters. Mrs. Meranda was of the second marriage. There were four children by his first wife and seven by his second, only one of these died in infancy. Mrs. Meranda was the third in order of birth. All of the children by the first wife lived to maturity as did also all of the six last children.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meranda: Dora A., born September 24, 1865, was first the wife of

Joseph Mugg, by whom she had two children: her second husband was Edward Finn, having also two children by this union: Eliza F., the second child, born January 31, 1867, is the widow of Vincent Hobson and the mother of three children: Offa W., born December 8, 1869, is married and living in Kokomo; Charles B., born October 27, 1872, lives in Kokomo, married and has one child; William L., born March 16, 1876, is deceased; John Arthur, born November 10, 1880, lives on his father's farm, is married and has one child.

Fraternally Mr. Meranda is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all the chairs in the local lodge. His wife belongs to the Rebekahs. They, together with all their children, belong to the Christian church, being active members. Politically Mr. Meranda is a loyal Republican, and he is always in hearty sympathy with any movement looking to the advancement of his community.

WILLIAM F. NEWBY.

Self-assertion is believed by many people to be absolutely necessary to success in life, and there are good reasons for the entertainment of such belief. The modest man very rarely gets what is due him. The selfish, aggressive man elbows his way to the front, takes all that is in sight and it sometimes seems that modesty is a sin with self-denial the penalty. There are, however, exceptions to all rules and it is a matter greatly to be regretted that the exceptions to the conditions referred to are not more numerous. One notable exception is the case of the honorable gentleman whose life history we here present, who possesses just a sufficient amount of modesty to be a gentleman at all times and yet sufficient persistency to win in the business world and at the same time not appear over bold, and as a

result of these well and happily blended qualities Mr. Newby has won a host of friends in Monroe township, Howard county, Indiana, where he is well known to all classes as a man of influence, integrity and business ability.

William F. Newby was born in the locality referred to in the preceding paragraph, May 24, 1858, and he has preferred to remain on his native hills rather than seek uncertain advantages in other states as many of his early companions have done. He is the son of Edmond J. Newby, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, November 11, 1825, the son of Joseph and Hannah (Cosand) Newby, both natives of North Carolina, who came to Washington county, this state, in an early day, being among the pioneers who settled there. They secured wild land which they cleared and on which they made a comfortable home, having always been farmers. They both died there, rearing three sons and five daughters, the only one now living being Edmond J., father of the subject. Edmond J. Newby grew up in Washington county and in 1847 came to Howard county, locating in Monroe township, on section 8. He first procured one hundred and sixty acres of wild land, which he cleared and by dint of hard work transformed it into a good farm. He married Eliza E. Trueblood, of Washington county, Indiana. She was a daughter of William Penn and Anna Trueblood, both natives of North Carolina, having come to Washington county, this state, in the pioneer days, where they secured wild land and started life in a small way, but they made a good home and both died there. Edmond J. Newby by habits of industry and economy added to his land from time to time until he had a large tract. He was a Republican in politics and at one time ably served his township as trustee. He was an active member of the Friends church and is still living in the township. His wife passed to her rest in 1895. Edmond J. Newby is well known and highly esteemed for his many

fine traits of character. He has always devoted his life to farming and during the latter part has been a breeder of shorthorn cattle; also raises fine horses and hogs. Three children constituted his family, namely: Mary, who resides at New London, this state, the wife of Jesse D. Davis, of Washington county, who is a merchant and also operates a threshing machine, also taught school for fifteen years; William F., our subject, was the second child in order of birth; Linden J. is a farmer and stock raiser on the old home place in Monroe township. He married Laura Carey and they are the parents of two children, Mabel and Russell.

William F. Newby, our subject, attended the schools in his native community where he applied himself diligently and received a good education, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He married in 1882 Merab Shirley, the accomplished daughter of Dr. J. D. Shirley, who is now deceased, and whose wife, a Miss Seward, was a native of Ohio, while his native state was Kentucky. Mrs. Shirley is still living in 1908 at New London, this county.

Six children have been born to the subject and wife as follows: Frank C., a farmer in Monroe township, who married Cecelia Hanson; Eva, Harry, Shirley, deceased; Glen and Kenneth.

In 1879 the subject located on the place where he now resides, in section 13, Monroe township, and he has made many of the extensive improvements of the place, bringing it up to a high state of efficiency and productiveness, carrying on general farming and stock raising in a most successful manner. He is also interested in land in South Dakota.

Mr. Newby is one of the directors and stock holders of the Howard County Fair Association and one of the leaders to get it located at Russiaville. Owing to his indomitable energy and the interest he has taken in the fair, its success has been assured from

the first. He is also interested in an attempt to get an electric railway through the county.

Although an active Republican all his mature years, Mr. Newby has never aspired to office. However, his assistance may always be relied upon in placing the best local men possible in the county offices for he believed in clean politics as well as wholesome social and home life. He is regarded as a good business man, an excellent manager, having sound judgment and foresight and he has been very successful in his business career. He keeps well abreast of the times, being well read on current topics. He has won the respect and esteem of all who know him for his friendly manner, business ability and upright living and he is regarded by all as one of the substantial citizens of Monroe township.

FLEMING JOHNSON.

It is a well authenticated fact that success comes as the result of legitimate and well applied energy, unflagging determinations and perseverance in a course of action when once decided upon. She is never known to smile upon the idler or dreamer and she never courts the loafer, and only the men who have diligently sought her favor are crowned with her blessings. In tracing the history of the influential farmer and representative citizen of Honey Creek township, Howard county, Indiana, whose name forms the caption of this review, it is plainly seen that the prosperity which he enjoys has been won by commendable qualities and it is also his personal worth that has gained for him the high esteem of those who know him.

Fleming Johnson was born in Stark county, Ohio, September

24, 1833, the son of Robert and Milley (Stanley) Johnson, natives of Virginia, where they grew to maturity, moving to Ohio in 1826 and being married in Columbiana county in 1832. They moved to Stark county, Ohio, and secured one hundred acres of land which had never been under cultivation. But the land was soon cleared. Mr. Johnson, being a rugged, hard working man, and a home was here established, the land becoming highly productive under his skillful management. He devoted his life to farming. In politics he was a Whig and in his religious affiliations he subscribed to the Friends church. In 1853 the parents of the subject came to Howard county, Indiana, and settled in Honey Creek township and secured one hundred and sixty acres of land which was wild and there were no roads leading from it to the outside world, but the same energy and tact was applied to its development that characterized the reclaiming of their farm in the old Buckeye state and the new farm was soon a comfortable place on which to live. Eighty acres of this land was cleared and Mr. Johnson remained here until his death in March, 1860. Mrs. Johnson having survived him until September, 1891, when she, too, passed to the spirit land. They were very strict with their children, rearing them in the way they would be of the greatest benefit to their neighbors as well as to themselves. There were eight in number, named in order of birth as follows: Fleming, our subject; Dempsy died in December, 1906; Jonathan who is living in Hamilton county, Indiana; Aseath, who married Benjamin Terrell, living in Ohio; Abraham, who died in 1906, lived at Young America, Indiana, having been in the saw mill and lumber business; Lewis, who resides in Greentown; Elizabeth, who is now deceased, married Simeon Mendenhall; William, who is living at Kokomo, Indiana.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and the high school where he applied himself diligently and became

well educated, having taught school in a most satisfactory manner for three years. He was united in marriage March 15, 1855, to Rachel Bundy, of Rush county, Indiana. She was called from her earthly labors in March, 1904. She was a woman of many praiseworthy traits and proved at all times a faithful helpmeet. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of ten children, namely: Elva, who is living at home; Charles, a farmer in Harrison township, this county; John is also farming in the same locality; Laura is the wife of Albert Lindley, of Honey Creek township; Millie is the wife of Charles Carter, of Honey Creek township; Sarah is the wife of John Bowers, of Middletown, Indiana; Joseph is a farmer in Honey Creek township; Abram has always lived at home, devoting his life to farming and operating a threshing machine; Margaret married Samuel Turner, of Russiaville, Indiana; Martha is living at home.

After the subject married he located with his wife on the farm where he still lives, the old homestead of his father. The subject has made all the improvements on the place and he has a fine farm of one hundred and forty-two acres, of which one hundred are under a high state of cultivation. He has skillfully rotated his crops and kept his fields fertilized until the land has retained its original strength and is today one of the best farms in this community. Mr. Johnson has always been a farmer and stock raiser, being an excellent judge of live stock, especially horses and cattle and he raises all kinds of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. He has also, in connection with his farming interests, successfully operated a threshing machine for over forty years, becoming widely known as one of the best men in this line in the country.

Mr. Johnson is an independent voter, but his support is always for the best issues and the best men, for he believes in honesty in public affairs just as strongly as in private life. He is a member of the Friends church. He is well read on current and general topics

and is an interesting conversationalist. He is well preserved for a man of his years. He is well known and has a host of warm friends as a result of his upright and industrious life.

JASPER M. BURT.

Agriculture has been an honored vocation from the earliest ages and as a usual thing men of honorable and humane impulses, as well as those of energy and thrift, have been patrons of husbandry. The free out-of-door life of the farm has a decided tendency to foster and develop that independence of mind and self-reliance which characterizes true manhood and no truer blessing can befall a boy than to be reared in close touch with nature in the healthful, life inspiring labor of the fields. It has always been the fruitful soil from which have sprung the moral bone and sinew of the country, and the majority of our nation's great warriors, renowned statesmen and distinguished men of letters, were born on the farm and were indebted largely to its early influence for the distinction which they have attained.

Jasper M. Burt was born in Henry county, Indiana, September 23, 1843, the son of Daniel and Clementine (Smith) Burt, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. As early as 1816 the Burt family came to Union county, this state, when that section was in the primeval forest. Settling on a farm there they developed it by hard work, making a comfortable home.

The father of the subject spent his boyhood days in Pennsylvania and came with his parents to Union county, Indiana, receiving there a common school education, the best that such early times afforded. When a young man he engaged in the saw mill business, but his principal life work has been devoted to farming in Henry county, especially. He came to Howard county in 1860, buying the

farm on which our subject has lived since he was sixteen years old, however, Mr. Burt did not have an opportunity to develop this farm, having been summoned from his earthly labors in November, 1860, at the age of sixty years, having been born in 1800. This farm was all in the woods with the exception of five or six acres when the Burt family first took possession of it and the only buildings on the land was a small log house and stable. It consisted of one hundred and eighty acres, but eighty acres were sold by our subject and he did all the clearing and made the improvements. The first drains were made of timber. The mother of the subject reached the age of seventy-eight years. Daniel Burt was three times married and had seven children by his first wife, one by his second wife and three by his third wife, of whom our subject was the oldest.

Jasper M. Burt, our subject, attended the district schools in Henry county and later in Howard county, working on the farm during the summer months in both counties. Having taken charge of his father's farm at his death, he has continued the management of the same up to the present time, having placed the fields under a splendid system of fencing and erected substantial and commodious buildings on the place. The sixty acres which he now manages are highly improved, well drained and in every respect is a model farm, showing thrift and good management.

The domestic life of our subject dates from 1805, when he was united in marriage with Hannah M. Sally, daughter of Looney L. and Procena (Rice) Sally, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana, the former having been a soldier in the Federal ranks during the war between the states, having enlisted from Indiana, serving four years with distinction, receiving at the close of the war an honorable discharge. His regiment, the Fifty-first Indiana Infantry, was commanded by Colonel Straight. William Burt, the oldest son of our subject's father, was also a soldier, having enlisted

from Indiana and died while in the service. John, another brother, lost a leg while in the service of his country.

Four children have been born into the home of our subject as follows: Rosa M., born in 1866, died 1892, was the wife of M. P. Cox, and she left one child; Charles L., born November 9, 1869, after attending the district schools from which he graduated married and is the father of two children; Thomas N. was born in December, 1878, and died in infancy; Willard R., who was born in 1876, died in 1879.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burt are consistent members of the Christian church. Politically Mr. Burt is a Republican, and fraternally he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all the chairs of the same, also a member of the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment. Mrs. Burt belongs to the Rebekahs, having filled all the chairs of the same.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burt are among the most influential and popular citizens in their community, having long ago established reputations for uprightness, kindness and hospitality, being abreast of the times in every respect and always willing to give their time and substance, if need be, to further any movement looking to the betterment of the locality where they reside whether religiously, educationally or politically, and they are highly respected by all who know them as are also their children.

WILSON J. HIATT.

Among the honored veterans of the Civil war and the leading agriculturists of Union township, Howard county, the well known and influential subject of this review is numbered. There is much

that is commendable in his life record, for he has been found true to duty in every relation, whether of a public or private character, and while energy and unflinching industry have been salient features of his business career, he is equally well known for his uprightness and the honorable methods he has always followed and for his loyalty to any public trust reposed in him.

Wilson J. Hiatt was born in Randolph county, Indiana, June 20, 1843, the son of Richard and Charlotte (Coats) Hiatt. The Hiatts were natives of Virginia and the Coats family of South Carolina. They were among the fine old southern families of the early days. The father came from Virginia to Highland county, Ohio, and from there to Indiana, settling in Randolph county, entering land there which he transformed by hard work and by dint of persevering energy into an excellent farm, making a good home for his family, and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there. Both he and Mrs. Hiatt were well known and influential in that county.

To them five sons and seven daughters were born, three of whom are living in 1908. These children received careful home training and the best advantages that were possible to receive in such environments.

Wilson J. Hiatt, our subject, had scarcely no opportunities to become educated in his boyhood days, it being necessary for him to assist with the farm work and to help support the large family, but he has since developed a strong and fertile mind through general home reading and by coming in contact with the business world, so he is well versed on most current topics and is an interesting conversationalist.

When the tocsin of war sounded and the great armies of the North were assembling to crush the rebellion that threatened the foundations of the republic, Mr. Hiatt was one of the brave and

loyal citizens of the Hoosier state to respond to the patriotic impulses which he felt, and, severing home ties, he marched away for the purpose of offering his services and life, if need be, to defend the flag, enlisting in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he also served three months in the Fifty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Regiment, being in the field for a period of one year, taking part in the battles of Richmond, Kentucky, in 1862, and he was in the famous Atlanta campaign in which he performed conspicuous service, as a result of which he received a testimonial from President Lincoln and he is now remembered by his government with a pension of seventeen dollars per month.

After his career in the army he returned to Randolph county and resumed active life, devoting himself to agricultural pursuits, which he carried on successfully as a result of his industry and sound judgment.

Mr. Hiatt was united in the bonds of wedlock in 1865 to Jennetta K. Hunt, who was called to her rest in 1875 after a harmonious married life of ten years. In 1877 Mr. Hiatt married Abigail Chamness, a representative of a well known family, and to this second union two children have been born, namely: Lindley T. and Mary A., the latter the wife of Emery Ault. Both these children live in Union township and both received a common school education. They are comfortably situated in life and have many friends in this community. Mary was especially adept at her text-books, having graduated from the common schools in which she made an excellent record. Lindley T. is known as a man of strong personality and excellent business ideas. He is also a graduate of the common schools, having outstripped many of his classmates who were less ambitious than he.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt are consistent members of the Quaker church in which they have long taken a delight.

Mr. Hiatt, as might be expected, is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Kokomo, known as the Harrison Post, No. 30. In his political relations he is a loyal Republican and has taken considerable interest in local affairs, always lending his support to the best candidates and being a strong believer in honesty in politics as well as in the business affairs of life. He is in 1908 the efficient justice of the peace of his community, having faithfully performed the duties of the same for a period of six years. He has become well and most favorably known throughout Union township for his loyalty to the truth, his uprightness in business, his public-spirit and his friendly disposition.

DAVID A. HELMS.

In the history of Howard county, as applying to the agricultural interests, the name of David A. Helms occupies a conspicuous place, for through a number of years he has been one of the representative farmers of Taylor township, progressive, enterprising and persevering. Such qualities always win success, sooner or later, and to Mr. Helms they have brought a satisfactory reward for his well directed effort, and while he has benefited himself and community in a material way he has also been an influential factor in the educational, political and moral uplift of the community favored by his residence.

David A. Helms was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, March 9, 1847, the son of William and Susanna (Shenk) Helms. Grandfather Helms was from Kentucky. He came to Hamilton county, Indiana, about 1807, when there was only a wilderness infested by savages and wild beasts, but being a hardy pioneer, he soon had a

farm of one hundred and sixty acres cleared and under cultivation. Here he raised his family, lived the remainder of his life and passed to the unknown beyond, his death occurring after he had reached more than three score and ten years, his wife having passed away in the sixties, leaving nine children, all of whom lived to maturity. The parents of these children were loyal Baptists. They were both scions of German stock.

William Helms, father of our subject, was born in Kentucky, and was thirteen years old when he was brought to Indiana by his parents. He attended school in the former state, completing his education after he came to the Hoosier state, becoming a fairly well educated man. He worked on his father's farm in Hamilton county until he married at the age of twenty. In 1847 he came to Howard county and entered forty acres of land in Taylor township, which he cleared and farmed, living for a time in a house built of round poles, the only door being an opening in the wall sheltered by a quilt. He afterward built a house of hewn logs and later on erected a substantial and commodious farm house, having lived in this spot continuously for over half a century, dying in 1902, at the age of eighty-two years, at the time of his death owning one hundred acres. This farm is now in the hands of his second wife, who is still living in 1908, his first wife and our subject's mother having died in 1860, after becoming the mother of seven children, two of whom died in childhood, the others growing to maturity, our subject being the fourth in order of birth. His father and mother were members of the Church of God, and they lived a consecrated Christian life. The oldest son, Mark L., enlisted in the Thirteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was killed at the battle of Winchester, Virginia, in 1861. Our subject was also one of those patriotic sons of the North who felt it his duty to respond to the call for troops to save the integrity of the nation, consequently he enlisted in February, 1865,

when only sixteen years old, having regretted ever since the war commenced that he was too young to take part. He served faithfully until the close of the war and was honorably discharged.

Mr. Helms received what education he could at the district schools, but such advantages were limited. He remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-two years old, then purchased twenty acres of land on which there was a pole house, then soon afterward traded it for twenty-two acres on which there was a new log house into which he moved, here he and his young wife did their first housekeeping. He farmed here for two years, then he sold the place, buying sixty acres of heavily wooded land. On this he erected a house of hewn logs, being nearly on the identical spot where his present modern residence stands. He cleared this land and made a fine farm of it in due time. It now consists of one hundred and seven acres. He also has another farm of forty acres in Liberty township, being ten miles from his residence, one of his sons living on the last mentioned farm. With the exception of about thirteen acres it is under a high state of cultivation. The thirteen acres are in blue grass and woods-pasture. Mr. Helms builds new fences as soon as the old rail ones get out of repair. The farm is well drained with tile, the major portion of the place having been reclaimed from the swamp, which has made the most productive land in the county and is therefore of much greater market value per acre. Our subject understands well the management of his farms, rotating the crops so as to keep the land in a high state of productiveness, it now being richer than when he first took possession of it. Most of the corn raised on the farm is fed, principally to hogs by Mr. Helms. He raises Chester Whites and Duroc crossed.

The residence on this farm is first-class, being a model farm house, and at a convenient distance are many comfortable out buildings. A fine orchard is not far away, in fact, Mr. Helms has three

orchards, one of cherries, one of plums and one of apples, all well kept, for he is not only a first-class farmer but also something of an horticulturist.

The subject was united in marriage in 1871 to Sarah L. Barrett, daughter of Milton and Mahala (Moon) Barrett, who were natives of Ohio, having come to Indiana about 1850. Two of Mrs. Barrett's brothers, Benjamin and Joseph Moon, were soldiers in the Federal ranks, having enlisted from Indiana. Joseph served through the war; while Benjamin was discharged on account of disease contracted while in line of duty.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Helms, namely: Mary E., born in 1871, is the wife of Elmer Davis, of Howard county, and the mother of three children; William Elden was born in 1872 and died in infancy. Mrs. Helms passed to her rest in 1873. She was a member of the Friends society. The subject was again married in 1874 to Nancy E. Elmore, daughter of John and Mary Jane (Mills) Elmore, natives of North Carolina, and who were early settlers in Howard county. Upon coming here they were obliged to live out doors until they could erect a pole house on the land which they took up. The wife of the subject was educated in the district schools. Three children have been born to this union as follows: Minnie Jane, born in 1876, died in 1887; John F., born in 1877, is married and has two children; Orin O., born in 1879, is married.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms are members of the Seventh Day Adventists. The youngest son of our subject was a soldier in the Twelfth United States Infantry, stationed for some time in the Philippines, having been three years in the army, returning to the old home after his enlistment had expired, having received an honorable discharge. His stay in the tropics did not seriously impair his health.

Our subject is in principle a Prohibitionist and by his ad-

vocacy of wholesome living, pure politics and honesty in business he has long enjoyed the undivided respect and esteem of all who know him, being regarded as one of Howard county's most substantial and worthy citizens.

JOHN B. MOORMAN.

There are individuals in nearly every community who, by reason of pronounced ability and force of character, rise above the heads of the masses and command the unbounded esteem of their fellow men. Characterized by perseverance and a directing spirit, two virtues that never fail, such men always make their presence felt and the vigor of their strong personalities serves as a stimulus and incentive to the young and rising generation. To the energetic and enterprising class the subject of this review very properly belongs. Having never been seized with the roaming desires that have led many of Howard county's young men to other fields of endeavor and other states, where they have sought their fortunes, Mr. Moorman has devoted his life to industries at home and has succeeded remarkably well, as we shall see by a study of his life history.

John B. Moorman was born in Union township, Howard county, Indiana, March 4, 1858, the son of Chuza and Rachel (Fellow) Moorman. The Moorman family first came to Wayne county and later to Grant county, this state, finally moving to Howard county. The subject's father was four years old when he came to Grant county, and when he was twenty-four years old he came to Union township, this county, and here he lived near Jonesboro, for a number of years. He became well known, having been a

Quaker preacher. He met his death accidentally in a gas well, one of the first that was drilled in Howard county. The mother of the subject was the second wife of his father. There were four children in the family, three sons and one daughter, namely: John B., Amanda J., wife of Henry Tolle, of Tipton county, Indiana; C. D. and C. O. C. D. is a telegraph operator in Oklahoma and C. O. is living on a farm in Tipton county, this state.

John B. Moorman, our subject, was reared on a farm where he assisted with the work during the summer months, attending school in the winter until he was nineteen years old.

The domestic life of the subject dates from 1877, when he was happily married to Martha A. Jackson, of Howard county, a daughter of a well known family. To this union eleven children have been born, all but one surviving in 1908, the family consisting of eight sons and two daughters, namely: Omer L., Lulu M., Lewis A., Frank L., Tristram L., Russell L., James L., Deva A., Wilbur L., and Garab L.

In politics our subject is a Prohibitionist, but he at one time affiliated with the Republican party. In the fall of 1904 he was nominated for trustee on the Prohibitionist ticket. The Democrats did not nominate a candidate and Mr. Moorman was elected by eleven votes. The township is largely Republican. He is the present trustee and is exercising the duties of the office in a manner to reflect credit upon himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Moorman resides on a portion of the old homestead, where he owns forty acres of well improved land.

He is a man of sterling qualities and is highly honored by all who know him as a result of his public-spirit, honesty in business and his advocacy of wholesome living and his support of all movements looking to the betterment of his community and county. He is pleasant and kindly disposed and it is not too much to say that

no man in Howard county is held in higher esteem by those who know him best.

FREDERICK YOUNGMAN.

Germany has contributed some of her best citizens to the United States—men who have here entered into the spirit of our institutions and have not only gained pecuniary independence for themselves, but have also been a distinct acquisition to our population. In taking up this review of the life of the worthy gentleman whose name appears above, the biographer calls attention to one who has by a life of earnest and consecutive endeavor won for himself the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him. For many years he has been a potent factor in the civic and industrial life of Howard county, where no man stands higher in the estimation of the people.

Frederick Youngman was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 18, 1845, the son of Michael and Margaret (Peisch) Youngman. The subject's grandparents were natives of Bavaria, but this family was originally of French stock. Our subject was the oldest of his father's family, and was brought to America when nine years old, his father settling in Ripley county, Indiana, where he lived the balance of his days, on his fine farm there. When eleven years old he held the great Napoleon's horse while the general went into his father's tavern. When the emperor returned he gave the boy a five franc piece. The father of the subject was drafted in the German army, where he served for six years as a private soldier. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he was commissioned an officer of cavalry which he held acceptably for ten years, then resigned and returned home, where he married at the age of forty. Three sons

were born to the subject's father and mother, all of whom are living in 1908, two in Indiana and one in Champaign county, Illinois. Their father passed away when about eighty-three years old, their mother having died when about fifty-eight years old. The second son, a brother of our subject, owns the old home farm and other land to the amount of four hundred acres. Their parents were Roman Catholics and all three children adhere to that faith.

Our subject attended school one summer and one winter in Bavaria and also attended school in Ripley county, Indiana, for a part of two winters, also two terms of a German school when twelve years old, when he began working out, having been employed by one man in Decatur county for six years, during which time he learned tile making, having turned out the first machine-made tile ever produced in Indiana. The first year he worked out he received eight dollars per month, and the most he received during any part of the six years was thirteen dollars per month. At the breaking out of the war between the states he was receiving forty dollars per month making tile. Then he came to Howard county and received sixty dollars per month and he loaned the money he had saved to the man who owned the factory and when the season was over could not collect anything, so he went to Louisville and worked in a meat packing house, but the following year he worked for the same tile man and employed his brother and his team for which he paid out of his share in his father's farm, the sum of six hundred dollars, and this, together with the amount he had previously loaned the owner of the factory, together with his services went into a note. Then he went to Boone county and with a partner started a tile factory, which in time was sold out and our subject then bought the factory in Howard county which he successfully operated for fourteen years. It was located on a portion of his present farm in Taylor township. During that period he had gradually accumulated about two hun-

dred and seventy-five acres of land and after discontinuing the manufacture of tile he went to farming. Being thrifty and a good manager he has added to this until he now has a fine farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres, all but twenty-five acres of which are in cultivation, the number of acres specified being in blue grass and timbered pasture. Mr. Youngman cleared thirty acres of this land, which he has "stumped", in fact, he has brought his farm up to an average of any in Howard county. He manufactured and laid the tile which has rendered this the best drained farm in this district. The major part of the place is fenced with wire and no better buildings are to be found on any farm in the township than those the subject had erected on his farm. These buildings consist of three large barns and three dwelling houses, all in perfect repair. One of these houses is a large and commodious brick, in which his son-in-law resides and conducts the farm. Our subject lives in a modern and nicely furnished farm house on the main pike and the place gives every indication of good management, thrift and prosperity, being one of the state's model farms.

Mr. Youngman feeds all the corn the place produces, often buying additional corn to feed. He formerly fed both cattle and hogs quite extensively, but he is now feeding sheep and hogs, buying sheep and lambs in the West and prepares them for market. He rotates his crops with clover every third year and keeps his soil in high productiveness, being as rich today as when he took charge of it, however he uses no commercial fertilizers.

Mr. Youngman was united in marriage in April, 1870, to Eva Hoyer, daughter of John A. and Margaret (Peezo) Hoyer, both natives of Bavaria, who came to America, settling in Ripley county, Indiana, in 1852, on a farm, buying a farm where the father of Mrs. Youngman still resides, the mother having died at the age of

seventy-four years. The father is now (1908) about seventy-seven years old.

Three daughters have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Luna, born in 1870, now the wife of Lewis Becker, living in Tipton county, and the parents of one child; Rosa, born in 1874, the wife of George Becker, a brother to the husband of the oldest daughter, and who also lives in Howard county, being the parents of one child; Nellie, born in 1880, is the wife of Ed Grishaw, now living in the home house and managing the subject's farm.

Mr. Youngman is a Mason in his fraternal relations and a Democrat politically. No man in this section of the state stands higher in public esteem, having always led a life of uprightness and been strictly honest in his dealings with his fellow men, besides aiding in any way possible the advancement of his community.

GEORGE NEWKIRK.

In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their own way to success through unfavorable environment we find an unconscious recognition in the intrinsic worth of a character which can not only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The gentleman to whom the biographer now calls the reader's attention was not favored by inherited wealth or the assistance of influential friends, but in spite of this, by perseverance, industry and wise economy, he has attained a comfortable station in life, making his influence felt for good in his community in Liberty township, Howard county, where he has long maintained his home, and because of the honorable career he has known here and also because of the fact that he is numbered among those patriotic sons of

the North who assisted in saving the Union's integrity in the dark day's of the sixties, he is eminently worthy of a place in this book.

George Newkirk was born in Adams county, Ohio, November 5, 1842, the son of Cyrus and Cassie (Phillips) Newkirk, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. The subject's lineage is of Scotch, English and German blood. Cyrus Newkirk, who spent his life as a farmer, became a man of influence in his community, and was known as a devoted Christian, having been a member of the Baptist church.

George Newkirk, our subject, was ten years old when he came to Indiana in 1852, locating in Grant county. He received a good education, having attended the common schools and later a college at Tipton, this state.

Our subject was only nineteen years old when he felt his call to duty in defending the flag, consequently he enlisted in 1862 in Company H, One Hundred and First Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he was with this regiment when it took part in the following engagements: Hartsville, Mellon, Hoover's Gap, Tullahoma, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Graysville, Ringgold, Tunnel Hill, Rocky Face Ridge, Adairsville, Dalton, Resaca, Ackworth, Cassville, New Hope Church, Pickett's Mills, Culp's Farm, Big Shanty, Lost Mountain, Pine Mountain, Marietta, Kenesaw Mountain, Smyrna, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Chattahoochee River, Ezra Church, Utoby Creek, Jonesboro, Altoona, the march to the sea with Sherman, Ebenezer Church, Savannah, Sisters Ferry, through the Carolinas, Barnsville Court House, Fayetteville, Averysboro, Bentonville and Smithfield. Although the subject was in the most exposed places in many of the above named engagements and picked up the flag many times after it had been shot down he was never wounded. He was mustered out June 24, 1865, in Kentucky.

After the war Mr. Newkirk returned to Grant county, Indiana,

and later located in Howard county, near Russiaville, on a farm. He has always devoted his life to agricultural pursuits with marked success in connection with trading and dealing in stock. He still owns a fine farm in Liberty township, Howard county, which is well improved and well managed. Mr. Newkirk has been able to lay by a comfortable competence for his declining years owing to his habits of industry and frugality.

Our subject was united in marriage January 9, 1867, to Martha A. Floyd, of near Russiaville. Three sons, all deceased, were born to this union, namely: William, Morris and Charles.

The subject's first wife died and he was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Kingery. Two daughters have been born to this union, one of whom is living, Maude, who was born April 21, 1878, is the wife of Thomas C. DeVaney. They live in the state of Washington. Maude was a student at New London and received a musical education at Indianapolis, later becoming a successful teacher of music.

The subject and wife are members of the Christian church, having always been active workers in the same. Fraternally Mr. Newkirk is a Mason, having taken the first degree in 1865. He has taken the York Rite, the Knights Templar and the Scottish Rite degrees. In March, 1892, he became Master of the Blue Lodge. The daily life of the subject shows that he is living up to the teachings of this great order.

In politics Mr. Newkirk is a loyal Republican and his public-spirited nature, coupled with his popularity among the members of this party, caused him to be selected for various county offices of responsibility and trust. He has served very creditably as county commissioner of Howard county for two terms, from 1888 to 1894, filling this important position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, having represented the first district.

Our subject is a member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Russiaville, being commander of the same, and he has served as delegate to six of the national encampments of this great organization. In 1906 he was commissioned colonel on the staff of the commander-in-chief. It is quite an honor to receive such an appointment, which is never given unless the recipient has had a past record worthy of the same.

Mr. Newkirk has found time during his busy life to travel to nearly all parts of interest in the United States, having spent considerable time in the South.

Since 1904 our subject has made his home in Greentown, having practically retired from business life and he is spending his closing years in comfort and the blessings of a serene age, conscious of the fact that his life has been well and profitably spent. He is a well informed man on current topics, honest and upright in all his relations with his fellow men, and but few citizens of Howard county are better known and none more highly respected, for he has spent nearly his entire life within the borders of this county, and has always been active in the promotion of the county's welfare.

JOSEPH SILCOX.

Among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Howard county none stand higher in the esteem of his fellow citizens than the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch. He has long been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county and the years of his residence here have but served to strengthen the feeling of admiration on the part of his fellow men owing to the honorable life he has led and the worthy example he has set the

younger generation, consequently the publishers of this biographical compendium are glad to give such a worthy character representation in this work.

Joseph Silcox was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, January 4, 1844, the son of Joseph Louis and Letticia (Ryder) Silcox. Grandfather Silcox was a native of England, who came to America about 1807, settling first in New York, later in Maryland. He and his wife raised two children to maturity.

The father of the subject was born in New York August 25, 1808. His early educational advantages were limited, but by close application he has become a well informed man on general topics. He went with his parents from the Empire state to Maryland and became a journeyman shoemaker and followed his trade until he came to Indiana in 1846. He was married in Kentucky. He operated a grist and saw mill in Shelby county, this state, the mill having come into his possession by inheritance, and which he managed for a number of years, continuing to operate it all his business life, dying in 1856, at the age of forty-eight years, having been killed in an explosion in a saw mill. The mother of the subject was a member of the Christian church. She lived until about seventy-three years of age. They were the parents of ten children, two of their sons having met death in the same unfortunate manner as their father at the same time. The other children lived to maturity; one of them, William, was a soldier in the Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry, serving two years until the close of the war.

The subject's early education was obtained in the district schools of Shelby county. He afterward attended graded schools, working on the farm after his father's death, later working at the carpenter's trade.

Our subject was one of those patriotic sons of the North who could not stand idly by and see the foundations of the Republic

shaken with rebellion, consequently giving vent to his patriotic feelings he enlisted in 1863 in the Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry and served in a most gallant and commendable manner until the close of the war. He took part in the battles around Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and the siege of Mobile, and was in all the battles and campaigns in which his regiment was involved from the time of his enlistment to the close of the struggle, having been honorably discharged in 1865, after which he came to Howard county, where he bought an interest in a saw mill, which he successfully managed for several years. Then he bought eighty acres of heavily timbered swamp land, which he cleared, drained and made a comfortable home on and where he has since resided. He has a splendid dwelling house and several convenient out buildings. His farm is well fenced with both wire and rails and is well tiled. His land is rather low, being in the creek bottoms, consequently it is kept rich by deposits of silt and on favorable years is very productive. He rotates his crops on the fourth year plan, corn, wheat, oats, clover; and he says his soil is in a much better state of productiveness than when it was new. He feeds all his corn to hogs and sheep, his favorite breed of the latter being Shropshire. He uses every home method known to keep his soil fertilized, but does not employ commercial fertilizers, and he now produces much more wheat per acre than formerly and it is just as sure a crop. He still raises good apples, but this crop is not so sure as formerly, but peaches do fully as well, for our subject understands the care of fruit trees, being something of a horticulturist, although he has not followed spraying, a system employed by many. But he has the best of luck with his trees and when there is a failure of either apples or peaches it is invariably due to climatic conditions, rather than pests and other causes.

Mr. Silcox was united in marriage in 1866 to Mary E. Hercules, daughter of William and Margaret (Newcomb) Hercules,

natives of Ohio. Her father was a soldier from Shelby county, Indiana, serving out his enlistment.

Five children have been born to the subject and wife as follows: Nettie, born in 1870, died when a child; Henry, born in 1871, is also deceased; Jennie, born in 1874, is single and a member of the home circle; William, born in 1876, is married and the father of three children; George A., who was born in 1882, is single and living at home with his parents, assisting with the work on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Silcox are faithful Christian people, always doing what they can to foster religious principles in their community. Fraternally Mr. Silcox is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all the chairs in the local lodge, and has been representative to the Grand Lodge. He has been active in Republican politics for many years, having been for some time justice of the peace and he is in 1908 assessor, successfully performing the duties of this office in a landable manner. He is known to his community as a man of upright business principles and but few men in his township stand higher in the estimation of the public.

REV. CHARLES E. DISBRO.

The honored gentleman whose name introduces this article is one of Howard county's most popular citizens and his life forcibly illustrates what energy, integrity and a fixed purpose can accomplish when animated by noble aims and correct ideals. Rev. Disbro has long been prominently identified with the moral and spiritual affairs of Howard county, having devoted nearly a half century to the ministry in this and other sections of Indiana, and is also a veteran of the war of the rebellion, in which he rendered valliant service in defense of the nation's honor. During the long years of his resi-

dence in the county he has held the unequivocal confidence and esteem of its people as is today a popular and much admired resident of the beautiful and serene village of Greentown, being widely known principally through his office as presiding elder of the Kokomo district of the Methodist Episcopal church which he held with great credit from 1881 to 1885, having done a very commendable work in this field during those years.

Rev. Charles E. Disbro was born in Johnson county, Indiana, February 5, 1830, the son of Zalmon and Rachel (Massey) Disbro, the former a native of New York and the latter of Kentucky. Both came with their parents to Johnson county, Indiana, in an early day; there they became acquainted and married, moving to Tipton county in 1851, when this county was practically a wilderness. The subject's father followed farming all his life, becoming a man of considerable influence in his community. He passed to the "silent land" in 1904, after an active and useful life, having reached the advanced age of ninety-one years, his faithful life companion having been called to her rest in 1802.

As a young man our subject worked on his father's farm, attending the common schools in the district in the meantime; being a close student he received a fairly good education. He was converted to the Christian faith at the age of eighteen years and soon afterward joined the Methodist Episcopal church. Being under the impression that he should preach, he entered the ministry at the age of twenty years. Owing to devotion to study, coupled with his natural ability as a speaker, etc., it was soon seen that he would be eminently successful in this calling, later years proving that he made no mistake by entering the field of the Gospel. For his first year's work he received one hundred and twenty-two dollars and one hundred and twenty-five dollars for his second year's work. He was in the ministry for forty-one years, having served in the following places

during that time: Peru, Huntington, Decatur, Bluffton, LaGrange, Kokomo district, Elkhart and Portland. In all these charges he became popular and much liked, having built up the churches at each and won scores of souls for Christ. Finally the great strain was too much for his nerves and he was compelled to relinquish the work in 1860, much to the regret of all who knew him or had heard him expound the Gospel.

Rev. Mr. Disbro responded to the patriotic fervor that seized him when the integrity of our nation was threatened, and severing home ties, he went forth to defend the stars and strips, having enlisted early in the war in Company H, Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a private. Soon his conspicuous service caused the superior officers to promote him to the rank of second lieutenant, later to first lieutenant, and he served as captain nearly all the time he was at the front, but he was never commissioned as captain. His regiment took part in the battles at Pittsburg Landing, April 6 and 7, 1862, Perryville, Corinth, Murfordsville, Stone River, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta campaign, Franklin and Nashville. The regiment was later sent to Texas, but the subject did not accompany it. He was mustered out late in 1863. He at once returned to Howard county, Indiana, and re-entered the ministry and for forty years occupied the pulpits of various charges of the Northern Indiana Conference. In 1860 he became pastor of the church at Greentown, serving five years in that capacity, and with the exception of five years has continued to make Greentown his home ever since.

Rev. Mr. Disbro was appointed postmaster of Greentown in 1864, in which capacity he served very efficiently until 1868. He was nominated as trustee of Liberty township at the close of his term as postmaster and his nomination was generally regarded as a most fortunate one.

The subject's happy domestic life dates from March 7, 1861,

when he was united in marriage with Mary C. Hall, of Tipton county, this state. She was born November 13, 1843, the daughter of Eli and Margaret Hall, who resided in Tipton county, where they were reckoned among the leading families of their community. Her father was a Kentuckian and her mother was a native of Scott county, Indiana. They were Methodists. Mrs. Disbro received a common school education and early gave evidence of the possession of many admirable attributes, which her subsequent life has manifested. Four children, two sons and two daughters, have been born to this union as follows: Mary Florence and Emma Flora, both still members of the family circle; Charles M. is in the supply department of the Wabash Railroad Company, located at Decatur, Illinois; Willie S. died March 24, 1884.

Our subject is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the post at Butler, Indiana, and he receives a twelve dollar pension. He owns a beautiful and comfortable suburban home in Greentown, and is pleasantly situated, enjoying his declining years, conscious of the fact that his life has been well spent. He is well preserved physically and gives promise of a very long life; this is no doubt due to the consistent and even tempered life he has led. He is held in high regard by those who know him, as is shown by the confidence the people of his community repose in him by honoring him in official capacities and many other ways.

BENJAMIN F. DIXON.

Among the honorable and influential citizens of Howard county, Indiana, is the subject of this review, who has here maintained his home for many years, winning a definite success by means of the

agricultural industry, to which he has devoted his attention during the years of an active business life. His career has been without shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, and thus he has ever commanded the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

Benjamin F. Dixon was born in Morgan county, Indiana, in 1855, the son of Riley and Anna Jane (Thompson) Dixon. Grandfather Dixon came from North Carolina, locating in Indiana in 1828, settling among the pioneers in the southern part of the state. Taking up land from the government he improved it and developed a fine farm to which he gave his attention, also assisted others in getting land in order that he might have neighbors. Here he made a good home and raised his family, dying at the age of seventy-five years, having spent his last years on this farm in which he took a great pride. His wife passed away at an earlier age. They were both Quakers, being active members of this denomination. Grandfather Thompson was from North Carolina and came to Indiana about the same time of grandfather Dixon's advent, also settling in the southern part of the state, near Paoli, Orange county. He was a farmer, having raised his family and spent his last days in Orange county, dying well advanced in age, having been preceded to the other shore by his wife. They, too, were loyal Quakers.

The father of the subject was born in North Carolina and was brought to Indiana by his parents when six years old, having been reared at White Lick, Boone county, this state. He attended such schools as there were at that early time, working on his father's farm during the summer months, but he was a close student and received a good practical education. He lived with his father until he was about twenty-five years old, when he was married. Being thrifty he always owned a farm but did many other things in a commercial way, having in turn been successful as a merchant and live stock dealer. Eleven children were born to the subject's parents.

two dying while young, nine reaching maturity and living to raise families of their own, eight of whom are living in 1968. The father and mother were Friends in their religious affiliations, the former dying at the age of seventy-five and the latter when fifty-five years old.

Benjamin F. Dixon, our subject, first attended school in Indiana and Illinois, working on his father's farm until he was about twenty-five years old. Then he rented one hundred and sixty acres of land in Howard county on which he farmed for two years when he bought a farm in the same county. Selling it at an advance he bought another farm in Hamilton county, managing this with his accustomed success for two years, when he sold it for one thousand and two hundred dollars more than he gave for it. He then dealt in produce for a time, later going to Kansas, where he bought one hundred and twenty acres of prairie land, which he kept for fourteen years, making considerable money on it, principally by raising large crops of wheat. He then worked at the carpenter's trade for some time, and, returning to Howard county, finally bought the farm on which he now resides. It consists of eighty-two acres, all but eight acres of which are under the plow. The eight acres are in woods-pasture, in which is a fine set of blue grass. The entire farm is well drained with tile and the soil is in a good productive condition. The fields are under a good system of wire fencing, however, some rails are used for fences. He keeps his soil in a fertile condition by the skillful rotation of crops and the employment of bone fertilizers. The subject is a hard worker and understands all the modern and improved methods of farming, consequently he has one of the best farms of the size in the township and it yields him a comfortable living.

Mr. Dixon's dwelling is modern, substantial and commodious, nicely furnished. He has two good barns and other convenient out

buildings. He delights in horticulture and has a good orchard, well kept and of excellent quality. He has all that goes to make up good provisions. He carries on general farming, feeds hogs and cattle, using all the corn that the place produces. He is a believer in sowing plenty of clover after crops of larger grains have been harvested. He has been on his present farm five years in 1908 and since he secured the place the soil has been constantly improved.

Mr. Dixon was united in marriage in 1886 with Alameda Richardson, the refined and estimable daughter of John Henry and Mary (Heaton) Richardson, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Ohio. Grandfather Heaton was a colonel in the war of 1812. He was also a soldier in the Mexican war, having served out his enlistment and received an honorable discharge. His saber is now in a lodge room in Kokomo. Grandfather Richardson was also a soldier in the War of 1812. He lived to be an old man and his wife reached the age of ninety-four. All but two of this family are living in 1908 and all but one have raised families of their own. The Heaton stock originated in England. The father of the subject's wife was a contractor, having spent the last years of his life in Howard county, his death occurring in Frankfort, this state. Ten children were born to them, five boys and an equal number of girls.

Three children have been born to Benjamin F. Dixon and wife as follows: Lela, born March 14, 1881, is the wife of John D. Rogers, of Marion, Indiana, and they are the parents of one child; Doyle J., who is a graduate of Kokomo high school, is a teacher and was born August 6, 1888, is single and living at home; Walter N., who was born March 31, 1892, is also a member of the family circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and family are members of the society of Friends, Mrs. Dixon having joined this faith after her marriage. The subject has always been a Republican in politics, but is now a Prohibitionist. He is known to all who have formed his acquaint-

ance to be a man of genuine worth and integrity, scrupulously honest in all his dealings with his fellow men and he and his family are all highly respected and have hosts of friends throughout the county.

THOMAS A. RUSE.

Hard and laborious effort was the lot of our subject during his youth and early manhood, but his fidelity to duty won him the respect and confidence of those with whom he was thrown in contact and by patient continuance in well doing he gradually arose from an humble station to his present high standing among the leading farmers and stock raisers in the vicinity of Kokomo, Indiana, always giving his personal attention to his various industries with the same energy and foresight that have characterized his labors during his busy and honorable career and having every dollar in his possession as the result of honest effort, and that, too, in the face of opposing obstacles and not a few adverse circumstances, he can without ostentation lay claim to the proud American title of a self-made man.

Thomas A. Ruse was born in Clinton county, Ohio, August 28, 1808, the son of Lewis and Sarah (Mayes) Ruse, the father having been one of those patriotic sons of the North who, in time of the nation's dark days of rebellion, came forth, offering his services and his life in its defense, serving in the Federal ranks until the close of the war, having enlisted in an Indiana regiment, from Clinton county. After the war he returned home, spending the remainder of his life there, dying at a fairly advanced age, leaving a large family of children.

In 1872 the subject's mother moved with her children to How-

ard county, Indiana, where she resided until she was summoned to another world in 1885. These parents were people of high integrity and spared no pains in giving their children every comfort and encouragement to lead noble and wholesome lives, which influence has been plainly manifested in the subsequent careers of the subject and his brothers and sisters.

Thomas A. Ruse was one of the most industrious lads in his native community, having worked hard to assist his mother in maintaining the home, consequently his early education was somewhat neglected. However, being an observing man and an avid reader, he has broadened his intellectual views and is now a well informed man on diverse topics.

At one time he met with misfortune and was deprived of all his earthly possessions, being thereafter compelled to begin life over again as a common laborer, working for a dollar and twenty-five cents per day; this was as late as 1868, ten years ago from this writing. But in these ten years he has rapidly accumulated a competence, being a man of extraordinary perseverance, soundness of judgment and force of character. Today he has three fine farms in Howard county and is conservatively worth twenty thousand dollars, all of which he and his wife have made by their individual efforts.

Mr. Ruse maintains a fine dairy farm, as indicated above, adjoining the corporate limits of Kokomo, on which he has caused to be erected many substantial and up-to-date buildings. In the city he finds a ready market for all the products of his well managed and excellently equipped dairy.

Mr. Ruse was united in marriage in 1864 to Lula Cook, who was born in Hancock county, this state, July 22, 1870. She was left without parents early in life and was placed in the Orphans' Home at Cincinnati, Ohio. This couple started at the bottom, and so well and wisely have they worked that their lives have been

singularly harmonious and resulted in much good to others as well as successful from an industrial view-point. They have no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruse are pleasant and affable, their honor and integrity being irreproachable and they number their friends by the scores.

Mr. Ruse is affiliated with the Red Men's lodge at Kokomo, and in politics he is a staunch Republican, being an admirer and supporter of men in public office whose records are honest and unassailable, and he is widely known as a man of strictly honest business methods and upright principles in every walk of life.

J. W. DeHAVEN

The life history of the subject is deemed eminently worthy to be included in this volume along with the other representative characters of Howard county, partly because of its consistency to the right and partly because of its usefulness and inspiration to others. Mr. DeHaven was in the sheriff's office of this county until 1803, his own term having expired in 1882. He had served two terms since the election of 1880, but he continued under three or four successors. In 1803 he became justice of the peace and has served in this capacity ever since, being the oldest similar official in the county, and the efficiency with which he has handled the large volume of work that has come through his hands may be understood when we learn that he has seldom had an appeal from his decisions, everybody being of the opinion that he is one of the best justices of the peace the county has ever known. His decisions have repeatedly been sustained in the circuit court. He is a loyal and active Republican, never losing an opportunity to aid his party in any honest

manner, and he is always to be found doing his part in local conventions and elections.

Shortly before assuming the duties of the sheriff's office the subject's wife died and in 1884 he was again married to Evaline Ray, a native of Howard county. To this union has been born one daughter, Margaret, who is twelve years old in 1908.

Charles A. DeHaven, son of the subject, was born August 15, 1865, in Greene county, Ohio, and died July 3, 1903, at Kokomo, where he had made his home for many years and gained a reputation for industry and uprightness. In 1890 he was assistant clerk in the house of representatives, and was admitted to the bar and was in active practice. He was elected as senator to the sixty-fourth general assembly and had served one term in a most satisfactory manner, having been on various important committees in connection with which he showed rare ingenuity and foresight. A resolution setting forth the regret of the President, senate and some of the committee-men at the death of Charles A. DeHaven, was passed. It may be seen in a frame hanging in the subject's office. His mother's death occurred when he was sixteen years old and he was self-raised and self-educated. He spent three or four years in New York City as clerk and other capacities. He assisted in making the city directory at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and also was in Pittsburg for a while; but city temptations did not affect him and he came out from them all unscathed. He returned home for the purpose of studying law and read in the office of Cooper & Harness. He was fairly successful in law practice, but was always inclined to politics, which seemed to be his proper field. He had a wide acquaintance, partly as the result of his clerkship in the house of representatives. He was liked and admired by everyone who knew him, and the future would doubtless have been replete with signal success had he lived. His funeral was attended by Vice-President Fairbanks and Senator

Beveridge, and was in charge of the Masonic fraternity, in which he had been a highly respected and active member. He had never married, but had for many years made his home with his married sister. In his father's residence hangs his portrait as clerk surrounded by his assistants. Charles was one of the most popular young men of his home city, having been admired both for his intellectual attainments and his exemplary character.

John DeHaven, another son of the subject, is on the editorial staff of the South Bend Times, where he is doing creditable service.

The DeHaven family has long been known as among the leading people in Howard county.

PLEASANT H. W. HAYNES.

It is with a great degree of satisfaction to the biographer when he averts to the life of one who has made the rough path of life smooth by his untiring perseverance, has attained success in any vocation requiring definiteness of purpose and determined action. Such a life, whether it be one of calm, consecutive endeavor, or of sudden meteoric accomplishments, must abound in both lesson and incentive and prove a guide to the young men whose fortunes are still matters for the future to determine. For a number of years the subject of this sketch has directed his efforts toward the goal of success in Howard county and by patient continuance has won pronounced success.

Mr. Haynes was born in Clinton county, Ohio, October 15, 1865, and when eighteen years old settled in Jackson township, Howard county, Indiana, with his parents, Isaac M. and Eliza J.

(Haynes) Haynes, both living on a farm five miles east of Kokomo in 1908. When nineteen years old our subject began to teach school, in 1884, having received a fairly good education in the common, high and old Normal schools. He followed teaching for twelve years, becoming one of the most successful in the county. Eight years were spent in teaching in Jackson township and four in Honey Creek and Clay townships. He kept well advised on all lines of teacher's work, but his arduous duties in the school room finally told on his health and he gave up teaching in 1896 and began farming in 1898. He was made deputy sheriff of Howard county by L. W. Harness, which position he successfully filled for four years and two months, or until 1903. He had charge of the office and also most of the field work.

During this period there was much crime of various kinds, horse stealing and similar offenses, and there was loose prosecuting at times, and in order to keep crime down and break up the several gangs that operated in Howard county the sheriff's office was a busy place and a great volume of work was the result, but success attended the efforts of Mr. Haynes.

In 1902 the subject was a candidate for sheriff before the primaries, receiving eleven hundred votes and carried his own township with a good majority over all the candidates in Howard county. He received his appointment as superintendent of the county farm in 1905 and during the three years that he has had charge of the same much excellent work has been done to the satisfaction of the authorities. The farm consists of one hundred and fifty-five acres of good land lying just west of Kokomo. The number of inmates of the farm will average from thirty-five to fifty, and sometimes even more. The county has its stock on the farm. Mr. Haynes works for a salary, keeping one hired hand and one woman servant. Mrs. Haynes is matron.

The subject was married in 1805 to Lida (LaRowe) Gossett, of Greentown, the daughter of Charles LaRowe and widow of J. Leonard Gossett. Charles LaRowe is an old soldier, a temperance worker and a highly respected citizen of Howard county. The subject has one step-son, Silver Gossett.

Mr. Haynes has served two years on the executive committee of the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Haynes is one of the few men living who have had the privileges of reading his own obituary, of knowing what the people had to say of him at his supposed death, an account of which appeared in a Kokomo paper while the subject was living in Blackford county, news having reached that city of his demise while ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Haynes is a man of unquestioned force of character and personality, which he makes felt in Howard county where he is well and favorably known to all classes.

JOHN PICKETT.

This honored veteran of the Civil war is to be designated as one of the progressive and influential citizens of Howard county where, for more than a quarter of a century he has maintained his home in Taylor township, near Greentown, figuring as one of the builders of the community and is especially worthy of consideration in this work. He has not only by his industry and sound judgment improved a fine farm and gained a fairly large competence for his old age but he has materially assisted in the general welfare of the community, in many ways lending his valuable time and influence in the promulgation of various uplifting movements.

John Pickett was born in Henry county, Indiana, May 20, 1839, the son of Joseph and Elmira (Chew) Pickett. Grandfather Pickett was a native of North Carolina, who moved to Wayne county, Indiana, coming through Cincinnati, Ohio, when it was merely a village. After remaining in Wayne county for a time he came to Henry county, entered land there, and the first season, not having time to clear the ground, he "barked" the trees so the leaves would wilt and not shade out his corn which he planted among them. The land was cleared as soon as possible and an excellent farm finally developed, on which he reared his family and where he passed to his eternal reward, leaving eight children, seven of whom were girls; the boy became a teacher as was also his wife. The Pickett stock is Scotch-Irish and English.

Joseph Pickett, father of the subject, had a fairly good common school education. He worked on the Wabash & Erie canal at twenty-five cents per day until he had laid up enough money to enter eighty acres of land, which had to be entered in his father's name on account of his minority. He walked from Greensboro to Marion, Indiana, a distance of sixty miles, to pay his taxes. After he was married he entered land on which he farmed ten or twelve years, then he bought a farm in Henry county. It was all heavily timbered, but he was a hard worker and soon had it cleared and a comfortable home established, where he reared his family and where he died in 1885, his widow surviving until February 9, 1893, reaching a very old age. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, all but one of whom lived to raise families of their own, the subject of this sketch being the oldest child. The parents of these children were strict Quakers.

John Pickett, our subject, did not have the educational advantages that he desired, attending several terms of subscription schools, which were taught only a few months each year. He worked on

his father's farm until August 26, 1861, when he responded to his country's call for loyal citizens to defend the flag, enlisting in Company D, Thirty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he proved to be a very courageous and valiant soldier for the Union, his first battle being the great engagement at Chickamauga, then he fought at Lookout Mountain and at the battle of Missionary Ridge and at Ringgold, Georgia. His brigade was sent back to the battlefield of Chickamauga on December 1, 1863, to gather up the bones of the Union soldiers who fell in battle and bury them. May 4th of the following year the regiment, of which our subject was a member, started on the Atlanta campaign. At the battle of Buzzard Roost, the Fourth Corps, of which this regiment was a part, occupied the center of the army, also the same position on the march to the sea, the principal battles being fought at Resaca, Berryville, Kingston, Dallas and Kennesaw Mountain. Around the latter place there was more or less fighting for ten days. They were also in the battle of Peach Tree Creek and in the siege of Atlanta, also in the engagement at Jonesboro. The enlistment of the subject having expired he came to Indianapolis and was mustered out on September 21, 1864. On March 13th following, he enlisted in Company A, Fourth United States Volunteer Infantry and went to Washington City, where he remained on guard duty until March 13, 1866, when he was mustered out, receiving an honorable discharge.

After his military career, Mr. Pickett went to Missouri, where he remained nine years, farming with pronounced success, after which he came to Howard county, Indiana, and purchased forty acres of improved land. Later he added twenty to this, all of which, with the exception of seven acres, is under plow. It is under an excellent state of cultivation, being well drained and the soil has been kept up to the standard through the skillful management of the subject. He employs the usual system of crop rotation, and he feeds

all his corn to stock, mostly to hogs. He is considered a very careful farmer and good manager of both his crops and stock.

Our subject was married September 27, 1866, to Mary Jane Kern, daughter of Henry and Rebecca Ann (Waldron) Kern. Five children have been born to this union as follows: Sherman, born February 18, 1868, is married and has one child; Bertha V., born May 10, 1869, died in 1872; G. W., born October 16, 1870, is married and has one child; H. A., born December 2, 1874, is married and has four children; Joseph W., born March 20, 1878, is married and has three children.

The subject is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Harrison Post, No. 30. He is a loyal Republican. Mrs. Pickett is a member of the Christian church and they are both esteemed throughout the township where they reside for their integrity, uprightness and hospitality.

WILLIAM TRUEBLOOD.

No one of a contemplative turn of mind could study the life history of a man like the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this article and not be benefited thereby, not feel an inspiration to lead a life of industry, sobriety and uprightness; while his record is, in the main, like that of many other men, a general mingling of life's joys and sorrows, triumphs and defeats, yet we shall see how he brought success out of situations where weaker souls would have given in, surrendered to the enemy, despair and consequently failed.

William Trueblood was born in Orange county, Indiana, August 5, 1833, and after spending a busy life within the borders of his

native state he is leading a retired life in Kokomo, conscious of the fact that his duty has been well performed and that he can take a well earned rest. His parents were natives of North Carolina, who came to Orange county, this state, about 1811, and the subject spent his boyhood days in that county. Josiah Trueblood entered land in Orange county, where he spent his life, dying at the age of eighty-three years, on the farm which he entered.

Thomas Maris, the subject's maternal grandfather, served on the first grand jury in Orange county. William Trueblood remained in Orange county on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. He had a good district school education, attending school three months out of each year until he completed the common branches. An older brother, Alfred, was a merchant at Paoli, Orange county, and William became a partner with him when twenty-one years old, remaining in this capacity for four years. In 1861 he bought a farm near New London, Howard county. The place had been improved but the subject soon had it in much better condition than ever it had been and much more productive. After spending six years on this farm he came to Kokomo in 1867, when he and his brother-in-law, Nathan Dixon, organized a company comprised of Nathan Dixon, William Trueblood, Jonathan Johnson and George Maris, for the purpose of operating a hardware store. The subject remained in this store for twelve years until 1883, having been largely instrumental in that time in building up one of the leading hardware businesses in the county. Nathan Dixon died in 1895 and George Maris died in April, 1907. The subject was in the grain business, which was also conducted by this firm with elevators at Kokomo, Rushville and other points. They bought large consignments of grain and did an extensive business in shipping. Dixon and Trueblood continued the grain business for four or five years at Kokomo, but in 1886 they disposed of the grain business. Horace

and John Trueblood, sons of the subject, had engaged in the shoe business in 1883 and Charles, their brother, was taken in later on; our subject joined them in 1890 and devoted his attention to this business for the next ten years, retiring in 1900, the business being sold two years later. John became an osteopathic physician and is now practicing at Traverse City, Michigan; Horace and Charles are successfully operating a laundry at Marion, Indiana; William, the subject, has since lived retired, after gaining an ample competence for his old age, and realizing that his life had been well spent along all lines and that he could take a well earned rest in comfort.

The subject was identified with the Republican party up to 1886 since which time he has been a radical Prohibitionist, taking an active part in the county campaigns and was a delegate to various conventions. He has been on the ticket for county treasurer, also for representative. He has always been at the front in this party, ready to sacrifice anything for the party's benefit. He says the movement has surpassed his expectations. He has been active in church work all his life, having been identified with the Friends church. He has often served as a delegate to the annual meeting of this denomination for a period of twenty-five years, and his voice in the deliberations of the gatherings has always been heeded and recognized as being for the best interest of the church. He has for many years been a member of the Evangelistic Committees, also a member of the permanent board and has held many other minor offices on various boards and committees.

The subject was married in Orange county, on April 21, 1858, to Ruth E. Dixon, sister of Nathan Dixon. She was a native of Orange county, Indiana. Her parents were natives of North Carolina. Their family consists of the following children: Lindley M. has his headquarters at Kokomo, while he travels for a laundry supply house; he is also a mechanic; Horace N.; John O. and Charles.

William Trueblood has a comfortable residence at 72 East Mulberry street, Kokomo, which has been his home since 1872. Mrs. Trueblood is a granddaughter of Jonathan Lindley, who came to Paoli, Orange county, about 1800. Her uncle, Zach Lindley, was the first sheriff of Orange county. Zach served in the War of 1812 and was wounded at Tippecanoe. He died at the age of sixty-seven years.

No man in Kokomo stands higher in the esteem of the citizens than the subject, for his life has been one singularly free from suspicion of wrong doing or evil of any kind.

DAVID J. TERRELL.

Standing for upright manhood and progressive citizenship the subject of this sketch has long occupied a conspicuous place among the representatives of the great agricultural interest of Indiana and his influence in every relation of life has made for the material advancement of the community in which he resides and the moral welfare of those with whom he has been brought into contact. David J. Terrell comes of an old and highly esteemed Ohio family, the genealogy of which is traceable to an early period in the history of that commonwealth, the first mention of the name occurring in Highland county, where Richmond Terrell, the subject's father, was born and reared, the ancestral home being near the town of Lexington. Maria M. Hansell, wife of Richmond F. Terrell and mother of the subject, was also a native of Highland county, and her father, a farmer by occupation and a most excellent and praiseworthy citizen, spent his life there, dying a number of years ago at his home near the above seat of justice, at the advanced age of seventy-five.

The subject's father was early left an orphan and after the

death of his parents became an inmate of the home of his cousin, with whom he lived until young manhood, the meantime serving an apprenticeship at the trade of cabinet making, which he followed for a number of years in his native state, subsequently discontinuing mechanical work to engage in the pursuit of agriculture. In 1851 he disposed of his interests in Ohio and moved to Howard county, Indiana, purchasing a partially improved farm, which in due time he brought to a high state of cultivation and on which he continued to reside until his death, at the age of seventy-eight years. Richmond F. Terrell was a man of excellent traits, upright in all his dealings and his life was filled to repletion with good to his fellow men. He was reared in the faith of the society of Friends, but some time after his marriage he united with the Methodist church, of which his wife was a member, and continued in that communion until her death, when he returned to his former belief and to the end of his days remained loyal to its teaching. Mrs. Terrell, whose death occurred at the age of fifty-two, bore her husband ten children, five sons and five daughters, the father living to see all of them married and well settled in life. One of the sons, John H., was a soldier in the Fifty-seventh Indiana Infantry, in the Civil war and gave nearly four years to the service of his country, during which time he took part in a number of bloody battles and for meritorious conduct rose from the ranks to the position of adjutant of his regiment, filling the intermediate offices with credit to himself and to the honor of his command.

David J. Terrell is a native of Highland county, Ohio, where he was born June 11, 1850. He spent his childhood and youth on the family homestead near the town of Lexington and in 1851 accompanied his parents upon their removal to Indiana, since which time he has been an honored resident of Howard county. In due time he entered the district school, not far from his home, and con-

timed his attendance at the same until obtaining a knowledge of the branches constituting the regular course of study, meanwhile devoting the spring and summer seasons to farm labor, at which he was able to make a full hand at a comparatively early age. He remained with his father assisting in the cultivation of the home place until his twenty-sixth year, when he purchased a small farm of his own in Center township to which he at once removed, and which under his efficient labors and excellent management soon became one of the best cultivated and most highly improved places in the township. He still owns his original purchase, but has increased his holdings from time to time until he now owns several valuable tracts of land, the greater part thoroughly drained and otherwise well improved, the general appearance of the lands indicating the presence of a master of agriculture who aims to keep freely abreast in all matters relating to his vocation.

In the year 1900 Mr. Terrell turned his farm over to other hands and moved to Kokomo, where he maintained a residence until the fall of 1905, when he returned to the country and took possession of a beautiful farm adjoining his own in Taylor township, which came to his wife through her parents, and on which he has since lived and prospered. Since resuming agricultural pursuits he has made a number of valuable improvements on his place, adding much to its beauty and attractiveness, and it now is conceded that he has one of the best and most desirable rural homes in Taylor township, the land being enclosed with wire fence and well tilled, all but fifteen acres being susceptible to a high state of cultivation. Although giving personal attention to his farming interests and looking carefully after the management of his lands, Mr. Terrell does little physical work, his son-in-law attending to the active operation of the farm, which yields an income sufficiently ample to maintain his own and the latter's family in comfortable circumstances.

As already indicated, Mr. Terrell has devoted much study to the science of agriculture and easily is the peer of any farmer in the county, being progressive in his methods and making use of the latest and most approved implements and appliances by means of which the labors of the farm are not only greatly lessened, but made much more effective and economical. He also keeps in touch with the trend of current events, takes an active interest in the public and political issues of the day, and as a Republican wields a strong influence for his party, being one of its leaders in the township in which he resides.

On October 12, 1876, Mr. Terrell was united in marriage with Julia A. Neal, daughter of Enos and Margaret A. (Fauchier) Neal, natives of Ohio. Mrs. Neal was of French lineage, her grandfather Fauchier having been born in Marseilles, France, in the year, 1766, and Martha D., his wife, born in New Hampshire in 1780, and their marriage occurred on September 23, 1798, in the city of Boston, Massachusetts. John B. Fauchier, the grandfather of Mrs. Neal was born in Suffolk, Massachusetts, in 1790, married in December, 1823, to Sarah Broyles, of Kentucky, and became the father of fifteen children. Enos Neal, father of Mrs. Terrell, was born May 23, 1835, in Miami county, Ohio, came to Howard county in 1851, was married on August 8, 1858, to Margaret Fauchier, who departed this life in August, 1900, his death occurring in Kokomo, February 12, 1905, at the age of seventy years.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell have two children living, the older being Oma May, who was born in the year 1878, and who is now the wife of John E. Harland, and the mother of three offspring. Charles F., the second of the family, was born March 16, 1882. He too is married and the father of two children, his home at this time being in Chicago.

Mr. Terrell is well situated to enjoy the material comforts with

which fortune has blessed him and stands high among the citizens of the community in which he lives. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, aside from which he is identified with no fraternal organization, his greatest satisfaction being in the quiet life he leads as a prosperous and contented tiller of the soil and in the mutually agreeable domestic ties which make home the happiest and most attractive spot on earth to one of his tastes and ideals.

THOMAS J. O'TOOLE.

The enterprising farmer and prominent citizen of whom the biographer writes in this connection is a native of Rush county, Indiana, where his birth occurred March 29, 1863. As the name indicates the paternal branch of his family is of Irish origin, his grandparents having spent their lives on the beautiful Emerald Isle, while his father and mother also came from there a number of years ago.

Clement O'Toole, the subject's father, came to America in his youth and lived for some years in the city of New York, where he worked at the saddler's trade, and it was there that he met Ellen Smith, also a native of Ireland, who afterwards became his wife. From New York Mr. O'Toole went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he followed his chosen calling until his removal a few years later to the town of Raleigh, in Rush county, Indiana, at which place he opened a shop of his own and during the ensuing ten years did a thriving business, making and dealing in saddleby and harness. At the expiration of the period indicated he removed to Elwood, thence after a short time to Curtisville, where he operated a shop until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he disposed of his business and entered the army, enlisting for three years in an Indiana regiment

of infantry, which in due time he accompanied to the scene of hostilities. On account of his intelligence and skill with the pen he was detailed for duty as a writer of dispatches, having been well educated in the land of his birth and at the time indicated he was able to write fluently in the English language. His ability and aptness for the duty assigned him so pleased his superiors that he was retained in the position until the close of the war, at which time he returned to Tipton county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying some years later at the age of fifty-two. His widow, who still survives, has reached the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. She retains to a remarkable degree her bodily and mental powers, is as keenly alive to current events as in the days of her prime, possesses an unfailling memory and devotes the greater part of her time and attention to reading, which she has always been able to do without the aid of glasses. Like her husband she was reared in the Catholic faith and is intensely loyal to her church and when able, a regular attendant upon its services.

Of the four children that constituted the family of Clement and Ellen O'Toole, Thomas J., of this review, is the fourth in order of birth. He was educated in the district schools and until his twentieth year remained under the parental roof, the meantime looking after his parent's interests and maturing plans for his future course of action. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and at the age indicated above, rented land and engaged in the tilling of soil upon his own responsibility. After spending seventeen years as a renter he purchased his present farm of fifty-seven acres, one mile north of Kokomo, which he has since cultivated with success and financial profit and in addition to which he also owns a half interest in nine hundred acres of Colorado land in the Grand Valley, near Grand Junction, about four hundred acres of his share being in a high state of tillage. From all indications the latter is destined at no dis-

tant day to prove a very fortunate and lucrative investment, as the government is now constructing a complete system of irrigation, which when completed will add greatly to the productiveness of the land besides increasing its value many fold. The land under the present conditions yields bountiful crops of sugar beets, potatoes and other vegetables, all varieties of fruits are grown also, besides cereals, etc., and in due time with the enterprise in hand fully carried out it will doubtless become a beautiful and exceedingly valuable possession.

In connection with his agricultural and real estate interests Mr. O'Toole deals quite extensively in live stock, especially horses, which he buys and ships in large numbers, having in his pastures as many as three hundred and fifty head at a time. All the corn raised on his farm is fed to his stock and the better to prosecute the business he rents eighty acres adjoining his place for pasturage. He has been more than ordinarily successful, both as a tiller of the soil and stock dealer, but on the latter he relies chiefly for his income, although the returns from his investment in the West are by no means small or insignificant.

Mr. O'Toole is a man of sound judgment, wise discretion and keen business ability as his rapid rise from a very modest beginning to his present high standing among the enterprising and successful farmers and stock dealers of Howard county abundantly attests. By judiciously investing his means from time to time he has come into possession of an ample fortune, owning in addition to the real estate indicated in a preceding paragraph, considerable city property, eight pieces in all which are well situated and steadily growing in value. A man who takes pride in the growth and advancement of his county, Mr. O'Toole encourages to the extent of his ability, all worthy enterprises and is also deeply interested in whatever makes for the social and moral welfare of the community. Personally, he

enjoys great popularity among his friends and neighbors, inheriting as he does many of the sterling characteristics and amiable qualities for which the people from beautiful Erin have been made welcome in all parts of the world. In his political views he is all the term implies an independent, yielding support to those principles that best coincide with his standing and voting for the candidates whose moral standing and intellectual qualifications best fit them for the offices to which they aspire. In matters religious he is a Roman Catholic and a loyal and devoted son of the mother church, belonging at this time to the St. Patrick's church of Kokomo, in which he has filled every position to which a lay member can be called.

Rosa Kiefer, who became the wife of Mr. O'Toole in the year 1883, is a daughter of Valentine and Carrie (Wheat) Kiefer, natives of Germany, but since their childhood residents of the United States, the Kiefer family having first settled at Brookville, Indiana, where these parents grew to maturity and married. Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole have had five children, all born in Howard county, namely: Clementine, born in 1866; Carrie died in infancy; Edward, Joseph Francis and Thomas Paul.

JACOB L. SMITH.

The subject of this sketch holds worthy prestige among the enterprising farmers and representative citizens of Howard county and it is with no small degree of satisfaction that the biographer gives to the public the following brief outline of his life and achievements. Jacob L. Smith is an Ohio man and the youngest in a family of seven children, whose parents were John and Rebecca Smith, natives of Maryland and Virginia, respectively. The maiden name

of Mrs. Smith was Rebecca Light. Her father moved to Ohio when well along in years and settled in Montgomery county, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the advanced age of eighty-four, his wife preceding him to the grave before the family left Virginia.

John Smith, the subject's father, moved to Ohio after his marriage and settled in the county of Montgomery, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and became a worthy and substantial citizen. After his death, which occurred in the prime of manhood, his widow rented a farm in order to keep her children together and with the aid of her sons managed her affairs so as to live in comfortable circumstances and give to each of her offspring a good practical education. She survived her husband forty-five years and departed this life at the age of eighty-four, honored and esteemed by all who knew her. Mrs. Smith possessed many noble attributes of womanhood and all who enjoyed the privilege of her influence were profuse in their praise of her amiable qualities of head and heart. Her devotion to her children when deprived of a father's care and guidance, she made paramount to every other consideration and so loyally and unselfishly did she look after their interests that they grew up to honorable manhood and womanhood, attributing to her unselfish efforts, all the success in life which they achieved.

Jacob L. Smith was born April 23, 1830, in Montgomery county, Ohio, and spent his early life in close touch with nature on a farm, and while still a mere lad contributed his share towards the support of his widowed mother and the rest of the family. At intervals during his minority he attended the schools of his neighborhood and until his twenty-third year remained with his mother, managing his farm in her behalf and otherwise looking after her comfort and interests. During the Civil war he served in the Ohio Home Guard, but experienced no active duty outside the state.

though ready at any time to respond to the call of the government in case his services were needed.

When twenty-three years of age Mr. Smith rented a farm in partnership with his brother and engaged in the pursuit of agriculture upon his own responsibility, the two continuing together until the end of the second year, when the subject withdrew from the compact and came to Indiana, locating in Miami county, where during the ensuing four years he tilled the soil on rented land. By industry and excellent management he made his farming interest quite remunerative, so much so in fact that at the expiration of the time indicated he was able to purchase a farm of his own in Howard county, to which he at once removed and which under his well directed labors was in due time greatly improved, much of the land being cleared after he took possession and its value increased by nearly one half over the purchase price. After residing on this place for a period of twelve years and meeting with encouraging success, he disposed of the land at a handsome figure and purchased the farm in Center township, where he has since lived and prospered and where, as already indicated, he stands in the front rank as an enterprising agriculturist and representative citizen. When he purchased his present place, Mr. Smith found it much run down and neglected, the fences being overgrown with briars and other shrubbery and much decayed, all the buildings out of repair and the soil so depleted by indifferent cultivation as to produce less by almost half than what it should have yielded with even ordinary care and attention. On taking possession he immediately inaugurated a series of improvements, which soon resulted in bringing the soil back to its original fertility and enhancing its productiveness to such a degree that in the matter of corn alone the yield is now fifty bushels per acre more than formerly, the gain in other crops being almost if not quite as great. This change has been brought about by ample

fertilizing, judicious rotation and a successful system of tile drainage, together with correct methods of agriculture and the careful attention which every progressive farmer devotes to his labor and without which even the best land and most approved implements of husbandry are unavailing. Mr. Smith is a modern farmer in the best sense of the term, a close student of agricultural science, and by adopting those methods by which the greatest and best results are obtained he has achieved marked financial success and is now in independent circumstances with a sufficiency of this world's goods on hand to enable him to spend the remainder of his days in comfortable and honorable retirement. For some years past he has been renting his land, about ninety acres being susceptible to tillage, retaining the rest for pasturage. Like most enterprising men of his community he devotes much attention to live stock of the finer breeds, to which he feeds his share of the grain and from the sale of which he receives no small part of his income. His buildings are substantial and in excellent repair, having a commodious and comfortable dwelling amply equipped with modern conveniences, a large and well arranged barn, good out buildings, indeed, everything on the premises being systematic and in good taste and bearing evidence of the intelligence and progressive spirit of the proprietor.

Mr. Smith was married in the year 1864 to Martha J. Turner, daughter of Andrew and Rachel Turner, both parents natives of North Carolina, but early settling in Miami county, Ohio, where they lived many years and where their respective deaths occurred after passing the eightieth milestone on the journey of life. They reared a family of seven children, six daughters and one son, the latter a soldier in the late Civil war, serving in the Forty-fourth and Seventy-first Regiments, Ohio Infantry, and taking part in a number of battles and minor engagements in one of which, Beverly, Virginia, he

was shot through the body, the missile inflicting a dangerous wound, from the effects of which he has never entirely recovered. Mrs. Smith was born in North Carolina and taken to Ohio by her parents when small, and grew to maturity and married in her adopted state. She bore her husband nine children and departed this life on the 5th of April, 1908, at the age of sixty-six years, three of the children dying in infancy.

John V., the oldest of the subject's children, was born in 1864, and is now a civil engineer, his home being at Green Bay, Wisconsin; Ida M., the second of the family, born in 1867, is the wife of Hilar Morris, a farmer and carpenter of Howard county, their union being blessed with one child; Glen R. was born in 1869 and resides in Tipton county, being superintendent of schools at Windfall; Grace, whose birth occurred in Howard county in 1874, is the mother of one offspring; Dr. Henry Smith, the fifth in succession, a well known and rising physician of Indianapolis, was born in 1872; Dorothy, born in 1882, is the wife of Edgar Utterback, to whom she has borne three children.

Although not an active politician, Mr. Smith is pronounced in his allegiance to the Democratic party and has the courage of his convictions on the leading questions and issues in which the public is interested. He has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a number of years, having passed all the chairs in the local lodge which holds his membership, and he endeavors to exemplify the spirit of the noble fraternity in all of his relations with his fellow men. Broad-minded and liberal, a thinker and close observer, he keeps abreast of the times and in touch with current thought and discharges the duties of citizenship in a manner becoming an enterprising and progressive American of the age in which he lives. He stands high in the esteem of those with whom he mingles, has many warm friends and has ever tried to do the

right as he sees and understands the right. Quiet and unostentatious and seeking the sequestered ways of life rather than its tumult and strife he has ever attended strictly to his own affairs and made better all who come within the range of his influence.

JOEL S. HAMILTON.

Few residents of Howard county are as well and favorably known as the enterprising farmer and representative citizen whose life story is briefly told in the following lines and none stand higher than he in the esteem and confidence of the community in which he resides and for the material advancement of which he has devoted so much of his time and influence. The family of which he is an honorable representative has been known in America since colonial times and for many years the name was familiar in various parts of South Carolina, of which state his grandfather was a native. This ancestor came to Indiana when a young man and settled in the county of Fayette, where he purchased land and developed a farm, but after a residence of some years there he disposed of his holdings and changed his place of abode to Shelby county, where he also became a tiller of the soil and a citizen of public-spirit and more than ordinary local prominence. He purchased land from the government in the latter county, labored long and diligently on its improvement and in due time his efforts were rewarded by a fine farm, a comfortable home and a sufficiency of this world's goods to place him in independent circumstances. A devout Presbyterian he contributed of his means and influence to establish churches and spread the truths of religion among the sparse settlements, and his life as well as that of his good wife and helpmeet was long a power for good in

the community honored by his citizenship. He spent the remainder of his days on the family homestead in Shelby county and died a number of years ago, at the age of seventy-eight, his wife preceding him to the other world when sixty-eight years old; they were the parents of six children, the majority of whom grew to maturity and became fathers and mothers of families, but most of them have long been sleeping the sleep of the just.

The Sheltons, the subject's maternal ancestors, were English, the family being first represented in the United States by Mr. Hamilton's grandfather, who sailed from England in an early day and was among the pioneers of Shelby county, Indiana, settling in the same neighborhood with the Hamiltons. Subject's grandmother was born in Ireland, and inherited from the sturdy Scotch-Irish antecedents many of the sterling qualities for which that dual nationality has long been distinguished. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton were the parents of nine children, three of whom served in the Civil war, going from Howard county, of which they had become residents some years previously. Both grandfather and grandmother Shelton lived to be quite old, and had passed the Scriptural allotment of three score and ten years before responding to the summons which soon or late must come to all. They were an earnest, God-fearing and praiseworthy couple, who lived in harmony with their sense of right, and left to their descendants the memory of kindly deeds and lives that made the world better by their presence.

Samuel Hamilton, the youngest member of his parents' family, was born in Fayette county in the year 1813, and spent his early life on the farm. The country being new and sparsely settled and schools almost unknown, he had but limited educational advantages, notwithstanding which he managed to master the arts of reading and writing and later by coming in contact with his fellow men, became the possessor of a fund of practical knowledge which

proved of great value, when he started out to make his own way. While still a youth he accompanied his parents to Shelby county and after residing there for a period of fifteen years, came to Howard county, then comparatively wild and undeveloped land, a portion of which he cleared and converted into a good farm. After a residence of fifteen years on his original purchase, he sold it and in 1851 invested the proceeds in a two hundred acre tract all covered with a dense forest growth and in a wilderness state. Addressing himself to the formidable task of removing this timber and fitting the soil for cultivation, Mr. Hamilton worked early and late during the several years ensuing and in due season reaped the reward of his labors in the shape of a fine farm, a beautiful and attractive home and a competence which enabled him to spend the closing years of his life in comfortable circumstances.

When a young man Mr. Hamilton chose a wife and helpmeet in the person of Lydia Shelton, whose parents as already indicated, were among the pioneer settlers of Fayette county and in due time she presented him with six children, of whom the subject of this review is the third in order of birth. Samuel and Lydia Hamilton were an estimable and much respected couple whose influence tended to make wiser and better all who came in contact with them, and whose memories still are cherished in the community so long blessed with their presence. They were earnest and devout Methodists, did much for the church which they loved so well and both died in the triumphs of a living faith, the wife in 1856, at the age of forty, the husband surviving her until 1886, when he was called away after reaching his seventy-sixth year.

Joel S. Hamilton, to a brief review of whose career the reader's attention is respectfully called in the following paragraphs, was born December 6, 1838, in Shelby county, Indiana, and four years later was brought by his parents to the county of Howard, with

which his life has since been very closely identified. Growing up amid the stirring scenes of the pioneer period, he was early taught lessons of industry and frugality, also the dignity that attaches to honest toil and as soon as his services could be utilized to an advantage he bore his full share in clearing the land and cultivating the soil and garnering the crops. Owing to the lack of privileges his early education was somewhat neglected, nevertheless he was permitted to attend a few months of subscription school during his youth in which he made very commendable progress.

Like a dutiful son he remained with his parents, assisting in the cultivation of the farm until his twenty-fourth year, when he purchased forty acres of his own and engaged in the pursuit of agriculture for himself. He cleared and otherwise improved the greater portion of this land and by industry and judicious management and rigid economy was subsequently enabled to buy an adjoining forty acre tract, which further increased by twenty acres bought some years later, made him the possessor of as fine a body of land and as good a farm as could be found within the limits of the township in which it lies. By a series of improvements including buildings, fencing, tile drainage, fertilizing, etc., he has not only increased the productiveness of the land but added largely to its value and as indicated above, now has a beautiful and attractive home equipped with a full complement of modern improvements and conveniences and is one of the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his township, as well as one of its exemplary and public-spirited citizens. Like the majority of enterprising farmers in his part of the country, he does not rely entirely upon his crops for an income, but devotes considerable attention to live stock, making a specialty of fine breeds of cattle and hogs which he markets every year at good prices.

Mr. Hamilton is a man of liberal views, believes in progress

and improvement and does what he can to further these ends, taking an interest in whatever makes for the material advancement of the county and the social, intellectual and moral good of the people. He is a Democrat but not a politician, much less a partisan, and in his religious views he subscribes to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which both he and his wife belong. Fraternally he holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed all the chairs in the local lodge with which identified.

Mr. Hamilton's domestic life dates from 1863, when he entered the marriage relation with Mattie Tarkington, daughter of John and Martha (Whaley) Tarkington, a union resulting in the birth of five children, viz. Flossie M., born March, 1865, is the wife of Fremont Phelps and the mother of two offspring; Willard, born in 1867, is deceased; Sallie M., born in the year 1869, married Glen R. Smith and has two children; Allie, who was born in 1871, is now Mrs. Frank Jackson and has one child; Emma, the youngest of the family, was born in 1873, married Oliver B. Carter and is the mother of two children, with whom our subject now makes his home, Mrs. Hamilton having died Christmas day, 1890.

JOHN WILDRIDGE.

The character of a community is determined in a large measure by the lives of a comparatively few of its members. If its moral and intellectual status be good, if in a social way it is a pleasant place in which to reside, if its reputation for the integrity of its citizens has extended into other localities, it will be found that the standards set by the leading men have been high and their influence such as to mould their characters and shape the lives of those with whom they

mingle. In placing the subject of this sketch in the front rank of such men, justice is rendered a biographical fact universally recognized throughout Howard county by those at all familiar with his history. Although a quiet and unassuming man with no ambition for public position or leadership, he has contributed much to the material advancement of the community, while his admirable qualities of head and heart and the straight forward, upright course of his daily life, have tended greatly to the moral standing of the circles in which he moves and given him a reputation for integrity and correct conduct such as few achieve.

John Wildridge was born in Franklin county, Indiana, February 10, 1833, the son of James and Nancy (Abercrombie) Wildridge. His paternal ancestors were among the early settlers of New Jersey, in which state his grandfather was born and reared and from which he migrated to southern Indiana during the pioneer period, locating in the county of Franklin, where he took up land, developed a farm and spent the remainder of his days. This ancestor appears to have been a man of intelligence and influence among his neighbors and friends, also an enterprising farmer and distinctively a man of affairs. He reared a family of seven children and died in the prime of his powers, leaving a widow who lived to be quite old. James Wildridge grew to maturity in Franklin county and when a young man married Nancy Abercrombie, whose father, Alexander Abercrombie, a native of Ireland, was also a pioneer of southern Indiana, and by occupation a tiller of the soil. The Abercrombies were an eminently respectable and law-abiding family, devoutly religious and their influence did much to promote the moral advancement of the community in which they lived. After the death of the parents some of the children, of whom there were quite a number, scattered to various parts of the state, others remaining in Franklin county where they became prosperous agriculturists and lived honorable and exemplary lives.

James Wilbridge was reared a farmer and later in addition to agricultural pursuits worked as a mechanic, and at one time was engaged in the mercantile business. In the spring of 1840 he made the long and hazardous trip overland across the plains to California with the famous scout, Kit Carson, for a guide, and returning three years later to Indiana. In 1854 he disposed of his farm and other interests in the county of Franklin and moved to Howard county, where for some years he cultivated the soil as a renter, subsequently purchasing the place on which he lived, still later he bought an eighty acre tract on which a part of Kokomo now stands and in due time became one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community. He did not live long, however, to enjoy the fruits of his industry, dying in 1857, at the age of sixty years, leaving a widow and six children, the former departing this life in 1873, when sixty-eight years old.

The early life of John Wilbridge on the family homestead in Franklin county was conducive to a well rounded physical development and his home influences were such as to give him, while still young, correct views of life and its responsibilities and enable him to prepare for its duties. Owing to the lack of educational facilities he was deprived of school advantages, but by private study and the reading of such books and papers as he could procure he made up in a large measure for the deficiency and in the course of a few years became widely informed on many subjects and was recognized as one of the most intelligent young men of his neighborhood. He accompanied his parents upon their removal to Howard county, and assisted his father on the farm until the latter's death, after which he managed the place to the satisfaction of all concerned until its division among the several heirs. Following this he accepted a position in a store at Kokomo and was thus engaged until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he entered the service as clerk

to the quarter master in which and other capacities he continued with the army until 1865, though not regularly enlisted. At the close of the war Mr. Wilbridge assumed the pursuits of civil life to which he has since devoted his attention, the meantime by judicious investments and successful management adding greatly to his possessions until he is now recognized as one of financially strong and reliable men of the county. The first line of business in which he engaged after the war was over was merchandising, in connection with which he also devoted considerable attention trading in various commodities, live stock, etc., meeting with encouraging success in his ventures and within a short time laying the foundation of the liberal fortune which he now commands. He was for some time in the real estate and loan business which, like his other enterprises, proved satisfactory and added much to his income while the near proximity of his landed estate to Kokomo made it very valuable and was also the means of augmenting his fortunes. Mr. Wilbridge has a beautiful and attractive home within a short distance of the city and is well situated to enjoy the fruits of his many years of endeavor and to make the most of the pleasant life which he is now living. He manifests an abiding interest in whatever makes for the good of the city and county, materially or otherwise, and all enterprises having for their object the social welfare and moral uplift of his fellow men are sure to enlist his influences and active co-operation. He is liberal in assisting worthy measures, not the least of his donations being a gift of one thousand dollars to the Grand Army Post of Kokomo, to be expended for the benefit of suffering survivors of the war, and their families. This liberal benefaction, indicative of his interest in a most praiseworthy object, not only greatly endeared him to the members of the organization but made him popular with the general public, and gave his name publicity as a loyal citizen and true lover and benefactor of his kind.

Since the organization of the Republican party Mr. Wildridge has been one of its ardent and active supporters, believing thoroughly in the principles upon which it is founded and the great mission which it is designed to fulfill. Originally he was an old line Whig, but when that historic party went out of existence he was fitted by sturdy observation and experience to become alligned with its successor. Although interested in matters of public moment and well informed on the issues of the times he has never had any ambition in the direction of official preferment, neither has he disturbed his quiet by entering the arena of partisan politics as a campaigner or leader.

Mr. Wildridge has been twice married, the first time in 1863 to Sarah Robinson, the second in 1876 to Olla B. Davis, daughter of Dr. Samuel and Hannah (Case) Davis, of Indianapolis. Dr. Davis was an native of New York and after finishing his medical course, practiced in Franklin county, Indiana, from 1836 to 1873, during a part of which period he served as surgeon of the Eighty-third Indiana Volunteers in the Civil war, receiving a serious injury while at the front. In 1873 he moved to Indianapolis where he built up a large and lucrative professional business which he carried on until his death in 1886, at the age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Davis, who was born in the state of Indiana, departed this life in 1877, when fifty-six years of age, after bearing her husband a family of ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Wildridge have not been blessed with children of their own, but have always taken great delight in young people, and devoted much time to their interests. Mr. Wildridge has been a member of the Masonic Brotherhood for over a half century, having risen to high standing in the order and held many positions of honor and trust in the local lodge with which he is identified. As already indicated he has long been deeply interested in

the Grand Army of the Republic and at one time was made an honorary member of the Kokomo Post, not being eligible to full membership. When the first fire department of Kokomo was organized he became a member and as long as able reported for active duty, but by reason of advancing age he was placed some years ago on the retired list, though he still keeps in touch with the department and is familiar with everything concerning the same.

Mr. Wildridge is recognized as one of the honored and influential citizens of his county and stands high in the esteem of the people of his immediate community as a true type of the intelligent broad-minded gentleman of the old school. In the largest and most liberal sense his life has been successful and fraught with good to his fellow men, and the future awaits him with great and abundant rewards.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON.

The family name of the subject of this sketch is familiar throughout the county of Howard and as highly esteemed perhaps as that of any other in this part of the state. It was in honor of this family that the thriving town of Middletown received its name, the land on which it stands having formerly belonged to the subject to whom is also due the credit of attracting attention to the place and making it an important trading point for a large and enterprising community.

From the most reliable data obtainable the Middletons appear to have been among the early pioneers of eastern Ohio, especially the old county of Columbiana, in which the subject's grand-

father was born and spent the greater part of his life. This ancestor was a farmer by occupation, a birth-right member of the society of Friends and a man of sterling worth and high standing in his community. He moved to Highland county about the beginning of the nineteenth century and there spent the remainder of his days, dying at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, and leaving a family of five children. Levi Middleton, the subject's father, was born in the latter county in 1802, received his early training on the family homestead, and later turned his attention to carpentry, at which he became a very efficient workman. About the year 1820 he moved to Montgomery county, Indiana, and settled near Crawfordsville, the site of which at the time of his arrival was covered with a dense forest growth and gave little promise of what the seat of justice would ultimately become. When the county-seat was located and surveyed, Mr. Middleton erected the first house in the town. After a residence of a number of years in Montgomery county, he came to the county of Howard shortly after the latter was opened for settlement, locating near the village of Russiaville, where he purchased three quarter sections of land, to which he subsequently added another quarter, thus becoming one of the largest land owners of that part of the county. A portion of this land was improved before he made his investment, the latter tract costing him three thousand dollars, a mere pittance compared with its present value. While looking after his interests in the county he was taken sick and within a brief time passed away, dying in the year 1853. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Posgate and who became the mother of nine children, departed this life six years later. It is a fact worthy of note that the land in Montgomery county which Mr. Middleton purchased from the government and which he sold for three thousand five hundred has become very valuable, the present owner having frequently refused

to sell though offered the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars for the farm. About one-third of the land in Howard county which Mr. Middleton entered is now in possession of two of his descendants, a son and a granddaughter, both of whom reside in the town of Middleton. Of the seven sons and two daughters that constituted the family of Levi and Mary Middleton, four of the former and one of the latter are still living, one of the sons being a well known minister whose labors take him into other and remote fields.

William Middleton, whose name introduces this article, was born December 6, 1830, in Montgomery county, Indiana and spent his early life on the home farm in the vicinity of Crawfordsville. He was reared to agricultural pursuits with the strenuous duties of which he became familiar while still a mere lad and grew up to the full stature of manhood with proper conception of life and its responsibilities. What educational discipline he secured was obtained entirely in the subscription schools, there being at that time no public funds for tuition, but in due time he mastered the ordinary branches of study which with the reading of such books and papers as he could procure made him quite a well informed young man. After remaining with his father and assisting with the farm work until his twenty-fourth year he moved into the woods of Howard county to carve his own way through life, clearing and developing a good farm in the course of a few years, and accumulating a sufficiency of material wealth to place him in independent circumstances.

Mr. Middleton long ranked among the most enterprising and successful agriculturists and stock raisers of his part of the country, but in the year 1900 he discontinued active farm labor and has since been living a retired life in his pleasant and comfortable home in the town of Middleton. He still owns his farm, consisting of a

quarter section of fertile and admirably situated land, all of which is susceptible to cultivation, being thoroughly drained and improved with substantial buildings, fences, etc., and comparing favorably with any like number of acres in the county. By recourse to modern methods and the judicious rotation of crops, together with ample fertilizing and a successful system of tile drainage, this farm produces more grain and vegetables to the acre now than when first cleared. Mr. Middleton having made a close and critical study of the science of agriculture and knowing how to obtain the largest possible results from his labors. He also raises cattle and hogs and sheep of the best breeds to which he feeds all the corn his land will produce, and like many enterprising farmers, he finds good live stock much more remunerative than the cultivation of the soil. In addition to his farm he also owns three lots in Middleton, besides valuable personal property and, as already indicated, he occupies a prominent place in the front rank of the county's substantial and well-to-do agriculturists and representative men of affairs.

Mr. Middleton was married November 12, 1854, to Jane Moulder, whose parents, John and Eleanor (Maris) Moulder, were natives of North Carolina and early settlers of Orange county, Indiana, subsequently moving to the county of Parke and still later to Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Moulder became husband and wife while living in Parke county, but spent the greater part of their married life in Howard, both living far beyond the allotted span of three score and ten, the father dying in 1900, at the remarkable age of ninety-six years, the mother preceding him to the grave when eighty-five years old. This estimable and God-fearing couple were greatly respected by all who came within the range of their influence and as earnest and devout members of the Society of Friends, their lives were practical examples of the plain simple teachings of their church and made for the moral and spiritual

good of everybody with whom they come into contact. Their family consisted of eleven children, six of whom survive, the others having rejoined their parents on the other side of death's mystic stream.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Middleton has been blessed with three children, the oldest of whom, a son by the name of Charles E., born November 19, 1856, is the present efficient deputy clerk of the Howard county circuit court; he married some years ago and is the father of two children, one of each sex; Florence R., born in 1860, is the wife of W. H. Orr, of Chicago, and the mother of three offspring; John M., the youngest of the family, born in 1870, is a farmer by occupation and resides at the present time on the home place near Middleton; he, too, is married, and the father of one child, a daughter.

Mr. Middleton has been an active and influential member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for thirty-five years during which time he has achieved an enviable standing in the society and filled many positions of honor and trust, including among others, that of representative to the grand lodge on two different occasions. Politically he espouses the principles of the Republican party, but has never disturbed his quiet by seeking office or aspiring to leadership.

II. F. SHOWALTER.

Among the enterprising farmers and representative citizens of Howard county is H. F. Showalter, of Taylor township, a man widely and favorably known for his intelligence and the wisdom with which he has directed his life, as well as noble purposes and high ideals he has ever had in view. Mr. Showalter hails from the grand old commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred in the

year 1853, having first seen the light of day in the historic town of Gettysburg, the scene of one of the bloodiest battles in the history of warfare, which settled decisively the impossibility of a northern invasion by the armed hosts of the Confederacy. The Showalters are an old family of the Keystone state and the name appears at frequent intervals in the annals of Adams and adjacent counties, the ancestors of the American branch moving in a very early day from Germany. The subject's paternal grandparents, who were of German origin, spent their lives in Pennsylvania, and his father, Isaac Showalter, who was born there in the year of 1832, came to Indiana in 1856 and settled in Franklin county, where he worked for a number of years as a contractor and builder and where he is still living at the ripe old age of seventy-six years. Susan Halderman, wife of Isaac Showalter, is also of Pennsylvania birth and German descent and like her husband, a member of an old and highly respected family which at the present time has many representatives in different parts of the United States. She, too, is living, having reached the age of seventy-four years and with her husband belongs to the Methodist church, in the good work of which both have been long and actively engaged. Of the six children born to this estimable couple, Henry Fleming, of this review is the oldest and doubtless far the best known. He was a child of three years when his parents disposed of their interests in Pennsylvania and moved west. Since that time his life has been spent within the geographical limits of Indiana, principally in the county of Howard, to which he removed in 1883, from Franklin county. His early education embraced the common school curriculum, this training being afterwards supplemented by a course in the Brookville College, from which he was graduated in 1872. Following this event he spent the succeeding thirteen years in educational work, acquiring during that period enviable repute as a capable and popular instructor and

judicious disciplinarian. At the expiration of the time indicated he gave up teaching and moving to Howard county purchased the beautiful farm of one hundred acres in Taylor township which he soon improved in many ways and brought to a high state of tillage and on which he has since lived and prospered.

As a farmer, Mr. Showalter is the peer of any man in Howard county who follows tilling the soil for a livelihood, being enterprising and progressive in his ideas and prosecuting his labors after the most approved methods and with the aid of the best modern machinery and mechanical ingenuity has thus far devised. By a careful study of the soil and systematic cropping by rotation, together with plentiful use of fertilizers both natural and artificial and thorough under drainage, he has greatly increased the fertility of his land, and seldom a season passes that he does not realize bountiful returns from the time and labor expended on the farm. Although well adapted to all the crops grown in this latitude the land is especially rich in the elements that enter into the growth of corn, large yields of which he gathers every year while wheat, oats, vegetables of all kinds and a number of varieties of fruits are also sure of certain growth and ample returns.

In connection with general agriculture, Mr. Showalter, like the majority of enterprising farmers, pays much attention to the raising of live stock, in which his success has been most gratifying. He raises the Poland China breeds of hogs which he markets in large numbers every year and he also ranks among the most successful raisers of cattle and sheep in the county, his breeds of Black and Angus cattle and Shropshire sheep commanding the highest prices that buyers can afford to pay. In the matter of general improvements, including fences, outbuildings, barns and dwelling, his place compares favorably with the best farms in Taylor township, everything on the premises being kept in neat and systematic order

and bespeaking on the part of the proprietor a thorough acquaintance with agricultural science, together with the good taste that renders the country home pleasant and attractive and rural life desirable.

Mr. Showalter is a reader and a thinker and has a wide and profound acquaintance with many subjects. His collegiate training has enabled him to take broad and intelligent views of men and affairs and to get all the satisfaction and enjoyment out of life there is in it, to which end he has become a close observer, an admirer of nature and a close and diligent student of the many wonderful things which his mind constantly grasps and which tend to unfold to him the wisdom displayed by the God of the universe in the work of His hands.

Mr. Showalter, in the year of 1876, chose a wife and helpmeet in the person of Sarah Pyke, whose parents, J. W. and Ruth (Howell) Pyke, were among the early pioneers of Howard and Tip-ton counties and representatives of a large and eminently respectable family that bore an active and influential part in the development of the various communities in which they originally settled. Four brothers of Mrs. Showalter served during the Civil war, one of whom was killed in battle while bravely battling for the honor of his country, one died from disease contracted while in the line of duty, the other two returning at the cessation of hostilities with honorable records as loyal and gallant defenders of the national Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Showalter have a family of four children whose names and the dates of birth are as follows: Vera, born 1878, wife of L. P. Hutto; J. R., born in 1883, lives in the city of Chicago; E. P., born in 1887, and W. E., born in 1890, are at home, assisting their father to run the farm. Both are intelligent young men and above the average in educational training, E. P. being a student of De Pauw University and W. A. a high school graduate.

In his political views Mr. Showalter is a pronounced Republican and as such wields a strong influence for his party in the township of his residence. He serves at present very acceptably as trustee of Taylor township and has been a member of the county council in which capacity his judgment carries weight and his opinions and suggestions command respect. In matters religious he subscribes to the creed of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which body his wife and children also belong.

J. E. FREDRICK.

This gentleman to whom more than to any one man is due the inception and success of the great manufacturing establishment with which his name is so closely identified holds worthy prestige among the captains of industry throughout the West, and for a number of years has been the leader in an enterprise upon which the city of Kokomo largely depends for much of the prosperity it now enjoys. J. E. Fredrick was born in 1805 near the village of Pittsburg, Randolph county, Indiana, and when four years of age was taken by his parents to Greenville, Ohio, where he grew to maturity and received his educational training. After finishing the curriculum of the schools which he attended during his youth and young manhood, he in due time entered the Heidelberg College at Tiffin, where he pursued a literary course. Later he entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati where he was graduated with an honorable record in the year 1822. The same year in which he received his degree Mr. Fredrick located at Ridgeville, Indiana, where he practiced medicine until 1860, in February of which year he discontinued his profession by reason of becoming interested in a

manufacturing enterprise which he established in a modest way and which owing to limited capital proved a struggle against many obstacles and discouragements, during the several years following. His object being the manufacture of wire and its utilization in the making of nails and various other articles and devices to supplant those which had long been used in nearly all lines of industry, he labored assiduously and faithfully to that end and after some years of critical research and painstaking effort, succeeded in interesting others in the enterprise, with the result that a company was duly organized, the success of which more than realized his most sanguine expectations and the history of which is briefly outlined in the sketch of the Kokomo Steel and Wire industry which is found elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Fredrick being a man of fine mind, keen practical intelligence and possessing mechanical ingenuity of a high order and a familiarity with every detail of the wire industry, it followed as a matter of course that his studies and investigations should result in great practical value and prove a decided stimulus to a line of manufacture which until developed by his company was only in its incipency. As the leading spirit in the Kokomo Steel & Wire Company he has been enabled to reduce his theories to practical tests and to retain those of value, since which time he has made other discoveries and improvements and is today one of the best informed men as well as one of the most skillful and scientific artisans in the important field of endeavor to which his attention and talents are being devoted. Aside from his official position and important business interests Mr. Fredrick manifests a lively regard in whatever makes for the advancement of the city in which he resides, being interested in all movements and enterprises to this end, besides taking an active part in public matters and co-operating with his fellow citizens in promoting the social and moral welfare of the commu-

nity. Since becoming a citizen of Kokomo, he has won a high place in the esteem of those with whom he is accustomed to mingle while the signal success which he has achieved as a manufacturer has made his name a familiar sound in industrial circles throughout his own and other states.

Mr. Fredrick was married in the month of July, 1866, to Bessie Kitzelman, of Ridgeville, Indiana, the union being blessed with one child, a bright and interesting little daughter, named Wanita.

GEORGE E. DURHAM.

Among the earnest men whose enterprise and depth of character have gained a prominent place in the community and the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens is the honored subject of this sketch. A leading farmer and stockraiser of the township in which he resides and a man of decided views and laudable ambitions, his influence has ever been made for the advancement of his kind and in the vocation to which his energies are devoted, he ranks among the representative agriculturists of the county.

George E. Durham is an Indianain by birth, having first seen the light of day in Rush county, on October 8, 1801, being the son of Leonard and Nancy M. (Hollis) Durham. His paternal grandfather, a native of Germany, came to the United States in the prime of manhood and for a period of thirty years followed steamboating on the Ohio and other large rivers, residing during that time in the city of Cincinnati. At the expiration of the period noted he moved to Rush county, Indiana, and erected a grist-mill which he operated with fair success until his death fifteen years later, at the advanced age of eighty-five, his wife dying when she was seventy-nine years old.

Leonard Durham, one of the eight children born to this couple, was five years of age when his parents left the fatherland to seek a new home in the United States. He spent his early life in Cincinnati, received his educational training in the schools of that city, and when nineteen years old engaged in railroad construction, which line of work he followed the greater part of his life. While thus engaged he had charge of a large number of workmen and attained high standing as foreman, having enjoyed the confidence of his employer, a leading contractor, between whom and himself the most cordial relations appear to have obtained. Leonard Durham was a soldier in the Civil war, serving two years in an Indiana regiment and taking part in many of the noted battles of the Virginia campaigns, including among others the bloody engagements of the Wilderness of Petersburg. He was the father of five children, and departed this life in the prime of his manhood at the early age of thirty-seven years; his widow, who is still living, has reached the age of sixty-nine years and is one of the highly esteemed women of the part of Indianapolis in which she resides.

George E. Durham spent his childhood and youth in his native county and with the exception of one term in the schools of Rushville had little or no advantages of acquiring an education. He was reared to honest toil and at the early age of fifteen years began life for himself as a railroader in the engineering department, three years later being placed in charge of a contract which he carried out to the satisfaction of his employer and the managers of the road. He continued railroading in various capacities until 1895, when he resigned his position and came to Howard county where he is now engaged in agriculture and stock raising on a fine little farm in Taylor township, which came to his wife by inheritance. After spending three years on this place Mr. Durham resumed railroading, but four years later returned to the farm, since which time he has

devoted his attention very closely and successfully to the cultivation of the soil and breeding and raising of fine stock. He devotes considerable attention to hogs and cattle, as well as horses, which he finds more profitable than to rely entirely upon his crops.

Mr. Durham is a man of commendable enterprise, who takes pride in his vocation, although not engaged upon quite as extensive a scale as some of his neighbors. A Republican in politics and familiar with the principles and history of his party, he keeps in touch with the questions of the day and wields a wide influence in his neighborhood as a politician. Personally he enjoys a high degree of popularity in the community, possessing as he does the qualities of mind and heart that win and retain warm friendships.

Mr. Durham has been twice married, the first time to Laura Lurchford, who died after a mutually happy wedded experience of ten years, during which time she bore him three children, namely: Eddie, born in 1888; Harry, born in 1891, and Albert whose birth occurred in 1893, all three of whom are still members of the home circle. Mrs. Durham departed this life in 1893 and in 1895 the subject was united in marriage with Mollie Thompson, daughter of William H., and Elizabeth (Whitman) Thompson, the father a native of Boston and of French descent and the mother born in Indiana. William H. Thompson was a man of wide intelligence, a leader of thought in his community and a recognized authority on nearly every subject. His family was closely related to the Bonaparts of Corsica, and Napoleon the Great, and by the ties of consanguinity he was a cousin of the celebrated actress, Charlotte Cushman. He represented Howard county in the general assembly a number of years ago and made an honorable record as a legislator; his death occurred at the age of seventy-five years, his wife dying in her sixty-first year. Two of Mrs. Thompson's brothers were

soldiers in the Civil war, one of them enlisting at the age of fifteen as a drummer boy and both of them achieved honorable distinction as brave and gallant defenders of the Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham are esteemed members of the Baptist church and manifest an abiding interest in all lines of religious work under the auspices of the same.

KOKOMO STEEL AND WIRE COMPANY

In taking up the subject of the greater manufacturing plants of Kokomo the above large and growing enterprise naturally suggests itself because of its importance to the city, its interests and its far reaching influence in making this one of the really great industrial centers of the Middle West. Although of comparatively recent origin it is admittedly the largest and most successful enterprises of the kind not only in Kokomo but in the state and its presence is a source of pride to the community besides affording remunerative employment to a small army of workmen who depend for their livelihood upon the different local merchants and tradesmen, thus contributing largely to the material development of the city and adding much to its reputation.

The history of the Kokomo Steel and Wire Company dates from 1901, at which time it was organized by a number of representative business men who had previously been interested in the Kokomo Wire & Nail Company of which the present enterprise is an outgrowth, the nail company succeeding the Kokomo Fence Machine Company, which was established in 1866 by J. F. Fredrick and Harry Ward.

The industry last named, which was organized for the purpose

of manufacturing ornamental fence and wire making machinery, was in operation about four years. A force of about one hundred men were employed. The outlook of the enterprise appeared bright and encouraging and realized the high expectations of the founders. At the expiration of the period indicated, however, the business was re-organized and merged into the Kokomo Wire and Nail Company, the personnel of which was as follows: A. A. Charles, G. W. Charles, Richard Ruddell, King Kennedy, L. Newman, Harry Ward and J. E. Fredrick, the reorganization being effected and work on what is known as the north plant beginning in the year 1900. After the completion of the building the company began operations, but within less than a year another change took place, the enterprise in May, 1901, being merged with the Kokomo Steel and Wire Company, by which name it has since been known and under which its growth has been rapid and substantial, fully meeting the expectations of the organizers and stockholders and proving as already indicated one of the largest and most successful plants of the kind in the state.

The Kokomo Steel and Wire Company was organized with a capital of one million, and in due time the south plant was erected after which operations began under most favorable auspices, the success of the business being assured from time it was put on a working basis in the year 1902. Since that date the enterprise has been characterized by continuous growth and advancement until it now holds distinctive precedence among the leading manufacturing concerns of Kokomo, with encouraging prospects of still greater growth and wider influence in the future. Disregarding all ideas of conservatism the company planned for greater enlargement, securing additional ground from time to time until considerably in excess of thirty acres have been obtained, the north plant covering an area of four and a half and the south plant something more than twenty-

seven acres, the two buildings being substantially constructed after the most approved designs and fully equipped with the latest results of scientific skill in the way of machinery and mechanical devices for the manufacture of the various products. The north plant is devoted almost exclusively to the manufacture of wire fence, the output of the other and larger structure consisting of rods, wire of all kinds, both smooth and barbed, annealed staples, nails, wire rods and various other kinds of iron and wire goods and devices, all of which are produced in immense quantities in order to supply the large and steadily growing demand.

The rapid growth of the wire industry within the past few years has necessitated frequent additions to the plants and their capacity is now taxed to the utmost to keep pace with the times and fill the orders that are constantly coming in from all parts of the country, the great demand for wire not only by the mechanical industries but from vast agricultural regions of the Middle West, West and South rendering imperative a still greater extension of the business in no distant future.

The Kokomo Steel and Wire Company is largely owned by local parties, and among the nine hundred men who constitute the working force of the establishment there is disbursed every year in wages the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, nearly all of which, as stated in a preceding paragraph, finds its way into the tills and coffers of local merchants and trades people, to the great advantage of the business interests of the city and adjacent country. This force consists largely of experienced and thoroughly capable mechanics selected with especial reference to fitness for their respective lines of work in addition to whom there are a number of more skilled artisans for the departments in which a higher order of scientific and technical training is required. The business of the company is represented on the road by about sixteen efficient travel-

ing salesmen who, with fourteen in the various clerical departments constitute a force of capable, shrewd, farsighted men who make their employers' interests their own and to whose faithful and unselfish devotion not a little of the company's success is directly attributable. Between proprietors and employees a mutual interest has ever been maintained with the result that few labor agitations have ever disturbed their pleasant relations, the establishment having been singularly free from strikes and walk-outs.

The Steel and Wire Company is backed and managed by able and conservative business men who, in addition to establishing and maintaining the large and important enterprise in which they are directly interested, have also contributed greatly to the upbuilding of Kokomo and the advancement of its various activities, while the people contemplate with pride the presence of an enterprise which has done as much as any other to spread the name and fame of the city abroad. The officers of the company at this time are as follows: President, A. A. Charles; Vice-President, A. V. Conradt; Secretary, J. E. Fredrick; Treasurer, G. W. Charles.

DAILY SAMUEL YAGER.

This enterprising farmer and representative citizen is an Indianian by adoption, having been born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, in the year 1850. The paternal branch of his family is of German origin, on the mother's side he is of English descent. His grandfather Yager, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States in an early day and settled in Virginia where, in due time, he became a well-to-do planter and influential man of affairs. After his first marriage and the birth of several children he migrated to Jef-

erson county, Kentucky, where he also achieved note as a successful farmer, having been a large slave holder and a man of much more than ordinary standing and consequence in the community. He was three times married, Franklin Yager, the father of the subject, being an offspring of the first wife and born before the family removed from Virginia.

Franklin W. Yager was a child when his parents moved to Kentucky and he grew to maturity and received his education in the latter state. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and followed the same in Kentucky until about 1850 when he changed his residence to Johnson county, Indiana, where he tilled the soil as a renter during the ensuing four years, removing at the end of that time to Parkville, Missouri, thence a little later to Kentucky where he made his home for a limited period. Returning to Johnson county after a couple of years, Mr. Yager purchased a tract of heavily timbered land, on which he erected a log house and began the work of clearing and developing a farm, a task beset with much toil and hardships not a few. In due time, however, he succeeded in removing the greater part of the forest growth and reducing the soil to cultivation, but after a residence of four or five years on this place he sold out and in the fall of 1860 moved to Howard county and purchased a small farm of thirty acres a short distance east of the village of Fairfield. After residing ten years on this land and doing much in the way of improvement he exchanged it for a hotel in Fairfield, and removing to that devoted his attention during the fifteen years following to the entertainment of the traveling public, the meanwhile purchasing another small farm near the town and giving considerable time to the cultivation of the same. Mr. Yager was a man of positive convictions, great strength of character and made his influence felt wherever he resided. He was a pronounced and uncompromising Democrat, an active worker for the success of his

party and took a prominent part in the political doings of his time. He was withal a most excellent and praiseworthy citizen and an esteemed member of the Christian church and his death, which occurred at his home in Fairfield, January, 1904, was deeply lamented by his many friends in the village and surrounding country. Mrs. Yager, whose maiden name was Harriet Kelley, was a lady of sterling worth whose many kindly deeds and loving ministrations will long be remembered by the recipients and by the neighborhood which she blessed and made better by her presence and influence. she survived her husband but one year, departing this life in 1905.

Daily Samuel Yager, the second child of Franklin and Harriet Yager, received his education in the schools of Johnson county and in Missouri and he also pursued his studies for some time after the family settled in the county of Howard. Like the majority of country boys he was early taught the virtue of honest work, and on the farm as he grew to maturity he knew not what it was to eat the bread of idleness. During his minority he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, working as a hired hand a portion of the time and later for himself and in this way he was engaged until his twenty-first year when he began life upon his own responsibility, choosing for his vocation the honorable calling with which he was familiar.

During the three or four years following his marriage which took place in 1876, Mr. Yager cultivated the soil as a renter but at the expiration of that time he purchased forty acres of his present farm in Taylor township which he soon reduced to a high state of tillage, besides making a number of substantial improvements. By painstaking industry and judicious management he was subsequently enabled to add to his real estate until he now owns eighty acres of as fine land as the county can boast, his improvements being

among the best in Taylor township. It is not extravagant to say that Mr. Yager ranks among the most enterprising and successful agriculturists in a region of country long noted for the energy and high standing of its farming class, and as a citizen he also has obtained high repute, being intelligent, progressive and lending his influence and support to all enterprises having for their object the advancement of the community and the good of his fellow men. By carefully studying the nature of soils and their adaptability to the different crops and by judicious rotation of the latter, together with ample drainage and proper fertilizing, he seldom, if ever, fails to realize abundant returns from the time and labor devoted to his fields. He is also much interested in good live stock and keeps nothing but blooded or improved breeds for which he always receives the highest market prices. He is now quite well-to-do, being in independent circumstances with a sufficiency of this world's goods to render his future free from anxiety or care.

As already stated, Mr. Yager's domestic life dates from the year 1870, at which time he entered the marriage relation with Mary Frances Williams, daughter of Allen Williams, the union being blessed with four children, three sons and one daughter, one son only surviving. His name is Clarence Justin Yager, born in the year 1877, and at this time is in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad with headquarters at Little Rock, Arkansas. Mrs. Yager died July 14, 1907, and on June 4th of the following year Mr. Yager married his present wife, Mary Katherine Poulter, daughter of James and Mary Jane Poulter. The first Mrs. Yager was an estimable lady and for years a devoted member of the Christian church of Fairfield, to which religious body her son also belongs. The present Mrs. Yager holds membership with this church and is deeply interested in all lines of moral and religious endeavor under the auspices of the organization. Mr. Yager was reared a Democrat and

has ever remained loyal to the old historic party, believing firmly in its principles and doing all within his power to promote its success. Although an active political worker he has never asked official preferment at the hands of his party nor aspired to leadership, being content to vote his principles, defend the soundness of his positions and to be known by the simple title of citizen. He is a member of the Horse Thief Detective Association, and like his two companions claims to be Christian only in his religious belief, being identified with the Fairfield church and an earnest supporter of the Gospel both at home and abroad. He has one sister living near his place of residence, who is the wife of Alfred Rhodes, and the mother of four children.

DAVID C. SPRAKER.

In placing the subject of this review before the reader as one standing in the front rank of Kokomo's enterprising men of affairs, whose influence has tended to the up-building of the city and the advancement of various lines of industry, simple justice is done, a biographical fact, recognized throughout the community, by those at all familiar with his history and cognizant of the important part he has acted in the business circles with which he is identified. His career presents a notable example of the exercise of those qualities of mind and character which overcome obstacles and win success and his example is eminently worthy of imitation by those dissatisfied with the present attainments who would aspire to higher positions of honor and trust, or wider spheres of usefulness.

Mr. Spraker is a native of Decatur county, Indiana. His parents dying when he was quite young, he became an inmate of the

home of his uncle, John Miller, who lived in Howard county, about four or five miles west of Kokomo, and it was on this relation's farm that he learned by practical experience the meaning and value of honest toil, and the necessity of relying on himself and his own efforts for any success he might attain in life. At the proper age he entered the district school of the neighborhood and after attending the same at intervals until his eighteenth year he accepted a clerkship in a general store at New London, where during the ensuing three years he became familiar with the business and proved a very capable and faithful salesman. At the expiration of the period indicated he purchased the establishment of his employer, going in debt for the entire stock of goods, and applying himself diligently to the business, soon built up a large and lucrative trade, the increase of patronage necessitating the enlargement of the building within a year after he took possession. In due time his store became one of the largest and most successful mercantile enterprises in the town and during the six years he continued at the head of the establishment his reputation as an energetic and successful business man became so widely and favorably known as to attract the attention of the public, and win for him a conspicuous place among the leading merchants and representative citizens of the county. His integrity and high standing as a safe and reliable business man and popularity as a citizen were among the inducements that led to his nomination in 1878 for county treasurer, to which office he was triumphantly elected and the duties of which he discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public for a period of four years, having been chosen his own successor in 1880.

Mr. Spraker brought to the position of treasurer a well balanced and thoroughly disciplined mind and the able and business-like manner in which he conducted the office fully justified the wisdom of his election and proved him one of the ablest and most judicious cus-

tolians of the public funds in the history of the county. For some time after the expiration of his office he was engaged in the real estate business at Kokomo, but meanwhile became interested in the project of establishing in the city a plant for the manufacture of rubber goods, having previously purchased stock and become a director in a similar enterprise at Jonesboro, Indiana, the success of which gave him great faith in the future of the industry.

On first presenting the matter to the consideration of the business men of the city, Mr. Spraker did not meet with the desired encouragement but with faith in the outcome of the enterprise and confidence in his ability to carry it into effect he persevered in the undertaking until 1865 when it materialized in the Kokomo Rubber Company, of which he was made president and manager. In due time a building forty by one hundred feet with two stories and a basement was erected and properly equipped and the year following operations began under very favorable auspices, the first product of the plant consisting of bicycle tires, for which there was soon a large and steadily growing demand. The encouraging success of the enterprise soon rendered necessary the addition of enlarged facilities, accordingly the next year a second building was erected of the same size as the first, and equipped with the latest and most approved machinery and appliances, giving the plant one hundred thousand square feet of floor space, and more than doubling its capacity. Since then additional improvements have been made from time to time, new and improved processes adopted and all that scientific skill and mechanical ingenuity can devise for the better prosecution of this important and rapidly growing industry is now found in this plant, which is not only the largest in the West but one of the most successful and liberally patronized establishments of the kind in the United States.

From a rather modest beginning the Kokomo Rubber Com-

pany has grown in magnitude and importance until it now represents an investment considerably in excess of a million dollars, employing upon an average of two hundred and twenty-five men every working day of the year, whose pay-roll amounts to about one hundred thousand dollars annually. The enterprise which easily stands at the head of Isokomo's industrial establishments, is a credit to the city and a monument to the enterprising and progressive spirit of its founder, who in this as in all other lines to which his mind and energies have been devoted, has proven himself a man whom no obstacles can discourage, and a leader who enjoys public spirited associates, who with himself constitute the company. Since its organization Mr. Spraker has been the company's president and capable and judicious manager, its success being largely attributable to the interest which he has ever manifested in its behalf. The other officers at this time are Milton Krous, vice-president; G. W. Landon, secretary; D. L. Spraker, treasurer, and John Neary, superintendent.

It is not alone by his prominence in business and industrial circles that Mr. Spraker has made his influence felt among his contemporaries, as he has long been known and esteemed for his qualities of manhood and citizenship, having been prominently before the public in official and other capacities, and taken an active interest in whatever has tended to the advancement of the community. In his political allegiance he is among Howard county's stalwart and aggressive Republicans and in his characteristic vigorous way he has done much to further the cause of his party, though never a seeker for preferment or leadership; notwithstanding his diffidence in the latter respect, however he was as already indicated, his party's choice in 1878 for one of the most honorable and responsible positions within its trust, but since retiring from that office he has not asked for nor ought official honors, making every other considera-

tion subordinate to his business interests and being content with the simple title of citizen.

Mr. Spraker possesses a pleasing personality and is easily approachable. Strong and forceful in his relations with his fellow men, he not only makes his presence felt, but has also gained the good will and commendation of both his associates and the general public, retaining his reputation among men for integrity and high character, and never losing that dignity which is the birthright of the true gentleman.

JOSEPH F. DIMITT.

The gentleman, to a review of whose life the reader's attention is here respectfully directed, is recognized as one of the energetic, well known business men of Kokomo, who by his enterprise and progressive methods has contributed in a material way to the commercial advancement of the city, besides at different times filling worthily high and responsible positions. In the course of an honorable career he has been successful in the manifold lines to which his efforts have been directed and enjoying distinctive prestige among the representative men of his city and county, it is eminently proper that attention be called to his achievements and due credit be accorded to his worth as an enterprising citizen.

Richard Dimitt, father of the subject, was a native of Kentucky, but was brought to Indiana when quite young and grew to maturity in Howard county, where his parents settled in an early day. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hester A. Thorn, and whom he married in this county, was descended from an old English family that settled many years ago on Long Island, where her grandfather was born, and where descendents of the same name still

live. Like her husband, she, too, was brought to Howard county in youth and here received her education, reared her family and spent the remainder of her life, both she and her husband having gone to their reward. Richard Dimitt was a tiller of the soil and a most excellent and praiseworthy citizen. His habits were essentially exemplary and the community in which he resided still feels the good influence he exerted and hold in grateful remembrance the many acts of kindness and consideration which marked his relation with his neighbors and friends. He was a man of considerable local prominence politically, a leader of the Republican party in the township of his residence, and was also deeply religious, having been an active and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which body his wife also belonged. Mr. and Mrs. Dimitt were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living and respected citizens of Howard county.

Joseph F. Dimitt, whose birth occurred December 5, 1852, on the family homestead in Ervin township, was reared to agricultural pursuits and early became familiar with the practical duties of the farm. His childhood and youth passed amid the bracing airs and wholesome discipline of rural life, had much to do in developing his character and shaping his future course of action, as he grew up free from contaminating influences which lead so many young people astray and the vicious habits, degrading alike to the body and mind. In brief, he grew up to the full stature of well-rounded manhood, with proper conceptions of life and its duties, and at the proper age was able to assume his share of its responsibilities and to discharge in a worthy manner the obligations which fell to him as an intelligent actor in the world of affairs.

Deprived of a father's counsel and guidance when but eleven years old, young Dimitt was taken into the family of his uncle, where he was reared and cared for, and where his interests were

looked after with the same consideration that would have been shown him by his parents. At the proper age he entered the district school, not far from his home, and pursued his studies in the same until obtaining a pretty thorough knowledge of the branches taught, after which he turned his attention to farming and followed the same until his removal to the city of Kokomo in 1862.

Meantime, in the year 1876, Mr. Dimitt set up a domestic establishment of his own by wedding the young lady of his choice, Frances M. Tarkington, who has continued to preside over his home with becoming grace and dignity from that time to the present, proving a true companion and helpmeet and bearing her full share of the duties and responsibilities which come to every household. Mrs. Dimitt was born January 24, 1856, in Howard county, her parents moving to this part of Indiana a number of years prior to that date from Tennessee, of which state her father was a native, her mother's people, the Gays, coming from North Carolina.

Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dimitt moved to the farm in Clay township, where they continued to live during the ensuing sixteen years, Mr. Dimitt meeting with gratifying success as an agriculturist, also becoming widely known for his activity and influence in the public affairs of his township and county. Reared a Republican, he naturally espoused the principles of that party and on attaining his majority became an active member in its ranks. Subsequently he was elected assessor of his township, which office he held for a period of four years, and still later, in 1900, he was chosen to the higher and more responsible position of county treasurer, the duties of which he discharged in an able and eminently satisfactory manner for one term, proving a very capable and faithful custodian of the important trust confided to him by his fellow citizens.

In 1862, as stated above, Mr. Dimitt turned his land over to

other hands and changed his residence to the county seat, but conditions there not being exactly as he had anticipated, he soon returned to the country and for some time thereafter devoted his entire attention to the cultivation of the soil. Later he again moved to the city the better to attend to his duties as treasurer and has continued to make it his place of abode ever since, owning a beautiful and commodious home on one of the best streets and taking a lively interest in all that pertains to the growth and welfare of the municipality.

Since the expiration of his term as treasurer Mr. Dimitt has been engaged in the wholesale meat business in Kokomo and commands a large and lucrative patronage, the enterprise proving satisfactory from the beginning and still growing. He has shown marked capacity and acumen as a business man, possessing sound judgment and rare foresight, which, with his unswerving integrity and honorable methods, have won the confidence of his patrons and made him widely and favorably known among the substantial men who give respectability and tone to Kokomo's standing as an important business center. His life has ever been directed in harmony with justice and a high regard for the rights and privileges of others and he may be taken as an embodiment of the noblest attributes and characteristics that constitute the intelligent, moral, wide-awake American citizen of today.

Mr. and Mrs. Dimitt have a family of four children, the oldest of whom, a son by the name of William Cloyde, was his father's deputy in the treasurer's office and displayed marked ability in his relations with the public. Minnie, the second in order of birth, has reached her twenty-third year; Dane is twenty years old and Lelia, the youngest of the domestic circle, is eighteen (now 1908). Both Mr. and Mrs. Dimitt have been Methodists since childhood, and the atmosphere of their home has ever been decidedly religious. Their

activity in all departments of work under the auspices of the local church to which they belong has made their membership influential and valuable, and they stand today among the most sincere and devout of their faith in a city where Methodism has long had a strong and permanent hold.

GABRIEL WRIGHT HALL.

To attain a worthy citizenship by a life that is always honored and respected even from childhood deserves more than mere mention. It is no easy task to resist the many temptations of youth and early manhood and plant a character in the minds and hearts of associates that will remain an unstained figure for all time. One may take his place in public life through some vigorous stroke of public policy, and even remain in the hearts of friends and neighbors, but to take the same position by dint of the practice of an upright life and without a craving for exaltation and popularity, is worthy the highest praise and commendation. Our subject, G. W. Hall, is a man respected and honored, not because of the vigorous training of his special talents, but because of his daily life, each day being one that is above criticism, and passed upon in the light of real true manhood. His nativity was Switzerland county, Indiana, first seeing the light of day March 26, 1851, and hailed as the son of John and Lucy (Rodgers) Hall. His grandfather, Gabriel Hall, was a native of England, coming to this country when he was twenty-one years of age, landing in Pennsylvania, then a part of Ohio. He soon afterwards married and emigrated to Switzerland county, Indiana, and engaged in the trade of his youth, millwright, until his death. The father of our subject was born in this same county and emigrated to Howard county in 1877, where he engaged in the grocery business until his death, which occurred in

1902. His wife is still living in Kokomo, and (in 1908) is seventy-six years of age.

Our subject was raised on a farm in Switzerland county, Indiana, and obtained his education from the public schools. Here he lived until 1879, when he was married to Lillie Champion, of Kokomo. Here she was born and has always lived, cherished and honored by all who know her. To them were given four children, all living at this time. Lucy, a graduate of the Kokomo high school, and now a successful teacher in the Indian school at Fort Totten, North Dakota; Allen, who runs a bicycle repair shop on the west side of the square in Kokomo; Chester, a printer and at present foreman in the office of the Logansport Tribune, and Russell, a bright lad of ten years, and the pride of his parents.

Mr. Hall's experience with grain and stock on the farm prepared him for the business career in which he is now engaged, and in which he has been successful since he embarked in it some thirty years ago. He runs a feed and livery business at No. 108 South Union street, and one can find him busy at any time of calling. 'Tis his steady habits of life that have won for him the place in society he now occupies. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also the Encampment, having passed the chairs of both. He is also a member of the Red Men. He has always been a staunch Republican, although he has never aspired to or held office.

JOHN PITZER.

Of the leading families that have long been identified with the history of Howard county none stand out more prominently than the Pitzers, of whom the subject of this review is a worthy representa-

tive. His father, George P. Pitzer, a native of Virginia, came to this part of Indiana and was united in marriage with Clara Snodgrass, whose parents, Samuel and Catherine Snodgrass, about the year 1844 or 1845 moved to Howard county from Ohio and settled on a farm in Harrison township, near the village of Alto. When Mr. Pitzer came to Howard county he engaged in the goods business at Kokomo, but shortly after his marriage disposed of his stock and moving to the old Snodgrass homestead, turned his attention to the pursuit of agriculture, which he followed the remainder of his life, meantime adding to his real estate until he became one of the largest land owners, as well as one of the most successful farmers in this part of the country. In addition to his beautiful and well tilled place of two hundred ten acres in Harrison township he has one hundred and thirty-four acres of finely improved land in the township of Center, on both of which he carried on stock raising in connection with the cultivation of the soil, having been among the first to introduce shorthorn cattle in Howard county and the first to exhibit this superior breed of animals at the county fair. To him also belongs the credit of introducing among the farmers of his community the noted Poland China hog, and it was not long until his example was imitated by others, his efforts to improve the various breeds of domestic animals being in due time followed by most signal and beneficial results. Mr. Pitzer was a man of high standing and wide influence and as a farmer and breeder and raiser of fine cattle, horses and hogs had few equals and no superiors in the northern part of the state. He was always deeply interested in agriculture and an earnest advocate of all movements and measures calculated to promote the material welfare of the farmer. To this end he became a leading spirit in the organization and maintenance of the Howard County Agricultural Association and to his activity and influence as much perhaps as to any other agency or combina-

tion of agencies was due the success of the various fairs during the period of his connection with the association. For a number of years he was a prominent politician and a leader of the Republican party in his township, and at one time served with great acceptance as a member of the board of county commissioners, in addition to which office he also held various minor positions, to say nothing of his influence as a moldler of opinion among his neighbors and fellow citizens. In all things he was a good man, just in his business transactions, kind and courteous in his relations with others and his death, which occurred on his farm in Harrison township, January 22, 1891, at the age of seventy years, was deeply lamented, not only in his own community, but throughout the entire county as well. Mrs. Pitzer, whose birth occurred in the state of Ohio, is still living, having reached the ripe old age of seventy-nine years, and retaining to a marked degree the possession of her physical and mental powers. The family of George and Clara Pitzer consisted of two sons and five daughters, namely, Francis M., a painter, residing in Kokomo; Kate (deceased), who was the wife of Thomas L. Schilling; John, the subject of this sketch; Marcella, wife of N. G. Hanna, of Kokomo; Mary M., who married D. W. Martin, a farmer of Center township; Ida, now Mrs. P. L. Thomas, of Kokomo, and Mattie, whose husband, R. W. Dimmitt, of Kokomo, is engaged in the undertaking business.

John Pitzer was born on the family homestead one and a half miles southwest of the village of Alto, Howard county, July 9, 1854. Reared on the farm and early familiar with its strenuous duties, he grew up a strong and vigorous youth, capable of performing his allotted tasks in the woods and field at an age when the services of the majority of lads are considered of little value. Meantime he attended the public schools and after completing the usual course of study in the same entered the Kokomo high school, where in due

time he obtained a pretty thorough knowledge of the more advanced branches of learning. Reared amid rural scenes, he early manifested a decided taste to this ancient and honorable mode of life by taking charge of a one-hundred-and-sixty-acre farm three and a half miles south of Kokomo, in Center township, where he followed his chosen calling with success and financial profit until the year 1900, the place still in his possession. He made a careful study of the science of agriculture, cultivated his land according to the most approved modern methods and by devoting especial attention to the nature of soils succeeded, by judicious rotation of crops, in reaping abundant harvests and within a comparatively short time accumulating a handsome competency. He expended liberal sums in the improvement of his farm, erecting a fine brick residence two stories high and furnished with all the latest conveniences, also a large and commodious barn and other outbuildings, besides greatly enhancing the fertility and productiveness of the place, as well as adding largely to its value by a thorough and successful system of tile drainage.

Having amassed a sufficiency of this world's goods to enable him to discontinue active life and spend the remainder of his days in comfortable and honorable retirement, Mr. Pitzer, in the year 1900, turned his farm over to other hands and moved to Kokomo, where he owns a fine residence and other valuable property, being, as already indicated, in independent circumstances and well situated to enjoy the fruits of his many years of toil and judicious management. Although practically retired, Mr. Pitzer still gives personal attention to his various interests, which are by no means few or small, and also keeps fully abreast of the times on all matters of public concern, being active in promoting the advancement of the city and county and in close touch with all enterprises which tend to benefit society and uplift his fellow men. Politically he gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and while ready to make any reasonable sacrifice

in its behalf, and rejoicing greatly in the success of its principles and candidates, he has never sought public office nor aspired to leadership, although well qualified by nature and experience to fill worthily every position within the gift of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Pitzer's domestic experience dates from the 28th day of October, 1880, at which time was solemnized the ceremony that united him in the bonds of matrimony with Mary F. Sexton, a native of Shelby county, Indiana, but reared and educated in the county of Howard, to which she was brought by her parents when three years of age. Mrs. Pitzer is the second of a family of four children born to Perry and Malena Sexton, the latter a daughter of the late Dr. Wray, of Shelby county, who was long a distinguished physician and one of the oldest practitioners in his part of the state. As stated above, these parents changed their residence to Howard county when their daughter was a child and here they remained until the death of the mother at the age of fifty years, the father subsequently moving to Minnesota, where he departed this life in 1900 after reaching his seventieth year. Mr. Sexton was a progressive farmer, a most praiseworthy citizen and left the impress of his endorsements upon the community in which he resided. He made a number of valuable improvements on his place in addition to clearing the land, among which was a fine brick dwelling, erected in the year 1876, and his farm was long considered one of the most beautiful and attractive rural homes in the county. His oldest son, E. F. Sexton, is a well known citizen and manufacturer of Alexandria, where he has been in business for a number of years. Edgar Sexton, the second son and third child, is foreman of the steel and rod mill at Kokomo, which position he has worthily filled ever since the plant was erected. George L., the youngest of the family, died in childhood.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer has been blessed with one

son, Lloyd M., who was born on the 21st day of August, 1881, and who is now one of the enterprising young farmers and representative citizens of Harrison township. He lives on the home place and is a married man with a family of two children, John E. and Kenneth M., the wife and mother having formerly been Pearl McKinsey, who was born and reared in Howard county.

Mr. Pitzer is an active and influential member of the fraternity of Odd Fellows, with which he has been identified for thirty years, and in which he has been honored from time to time with important official positions. He united with the order in Alto in 1878, since which time he has labored zealously to promote the interests of the brotherhood there and elsewhere, having passed all the chairs in both subordinate and grand lodge, besides holding similar offices in the Grand Encampment. In the latter branch of the order he has been especially active and for many years a leader whose reputation now extends far beyond the confines of his own state, being widely known and greatly esteemed in the higher circles of Odd Fellowship throughout the entire country. He is also an earnest worker in the Order of Ben-Hur and has done much to make the local lodge meet the high expectations of its founders and realize the purposes for which it was instituted. Mrs. Pitzer is a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and like her husband manifests a lively interest in its work and welfare.

FRED KOLLMAR.

The United States can boast of no better or more law-abiding class of citizens than the great number of Germans who have found homes within her borders, and whom this country is always ready

to welcome to its shores. There have come to this country from the fatherland and other alien lands men of limited financial resources, but imbued with a sturdy independence and a laudable ambition to succeed, and who have taken advantage of the wonderful possibilities afforded here. Gradually, step by step, they have risen to places of prominence in various lines of activity. Of these there can be none mentioned who deserves more favorable attention than the gentleman whose name opens this biographical sketch and who has for many years been an honored and industrious resident of Kokomo, Howard county.

Fred Kollmar is the son of Albert and Mary (Wolf) Kollmar, who were natives of Baden, Germany, where he was born February 11, 1850. After receiving a fairly good education in the schools of that country he served with distinction in the French-German war for three years. When he left the army he was twenty-three years old and he decided to become a butcher, going to Hamburg, where he worked at this business at small wages for four years. Returning home, he began business for himself in 1877, in which he was fairly successful from the first.

Mr. Kollmar was married to Mary King, also a native of Baden, Germany. Two children were born to this union in Germany, one of whom is deceased. Albert, the living son, who is twenty-nine years old in 1908, works for his father in Kokomo. One girl and three boys have been born to the subject and wife since coming to America, two of whom are graduates of the local high school.

Not enjoying the success he desired or deserved in the old country, he decided to come to America in 1881. He first located in Akron, Ohio, working at the butcher business for seven years with a reasonable degree of success. In 1888 he came to Kokomo and went into the butcher business for himself, now being located at the corner of Union and Boggs streets. He owns the building there

in which his business is carried on and he is now worth, conservatively speaking, twenty thousand dollars. Besides his business property he owns a fine residence, nicely furnished, at 128 South Main street. Mr. Kollmar's business is confined exclusively to the retail and wholesaling of all kinds of meats, lard, etc.

Mr. Kallmar in his fraternal relations is affiliated with the Red Men and the Eagles and is a loyal Democrat in politics. He is highly respected by all who know him for his upright life and his scrupulously honest business principles in all his dealings with his fellow men, being always prompt to pay his debts and generous to those in need. He is public-spirited and lends his hearty support to any cause that has for its ultimate object the betterment of his city and community in the future of which he has unbounded faith.

GEORGE W. HARNESS.

Change is constant and general, generations rise and pass unmarked away, and it is the duty of posterity as well as a present gratification to place upon the printed page a true record of the lives of those who have preceded us on the stage of action and left to their descendants the memory of their struggles and achievements. The years of the honored subject of this memoir are a part of the indissoluble chain which links the annals of the past to those of the latter day progress and prosperity, and the history of Howard county would not be complete without due reference to the long life he has lived and the success which he has achieved as an earnest, courageous laborer in one of the most important fields of endeavor.

The Harness family is of German origin and the first of the name to immigrate to America settled in Virginia at quite an early

period and became widely known in various parts of the state. George Harness, the subject's father, was born on the ancestral homestead contiguous to the south bank of the Potomac river and remained in Virginia until his twenty-seventh year, when he left the parental roof to make his own way in the world. He first went to Ohio, making the entire distance of four hundred miles on foot, renting a piece of land, raised one crop, after which he returned to his native state the same way he left it—afoot and alone. Later he brought his parents to Ohio, where he continued to reside for some years, and where, in due time, he was married to Harriett Sowers, who bore him ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor. Disposing of his interests in Ohio, Mr. Harness migrated in an early day to the new and sparsely settled county of McLean, in the state of Illinois, but fearing the Indians, who at that time occupied the greater part of the country and were not always on friendly terms with their white neighbors, he left that state after a brief sojourn and moved to Boone county, Indiana, thence, subsequently, to Carroll county, where he spent the greater part of his life. George Harness was a man of excellent parts and throughout a long and strenuous life made his influence felt for good and did much to promote the advancement of the different communities in which he resided. He was a typical pioneer of the period in which he lived, strong, agile and fearless and as an industrious tiller of the soil and praiseworthy citizen gained the esteem and confidence of the people with whom he mingled. Late in life he changed his residence to Howard county, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying at the remarkable age of one hundred and eight years.

George W. Harness was born July 19, 1819, in Fayette county, Ohio, and when quite young accompanied his parents to Indiana, where he grew to maturity, spending the greater part of his early life in Cass county. His educational advantages were exceedingly

limited, but by making the most of his opportunities he acquired a fund of valuable practical knowledge and in due time became an intelligent and remarkably well informed man. He began life for himself on a quarter section of land in the southern part of Cass county, given him by his father, and at once addressed himself to its improvement—a task of no small magnitude, the land being covered with a dense forest, to remove which and fix the soil for cultivation required much hard and persevering toil. By laboring early and late he finally succeeded in transforming the forest into a beautiful and valuable farm, to which he made additions at intervals until he became one of the largest land owners of the county, his real estate holdings at one time amounting to eighteen hundred and forty acres, the greater part of which was afterward divided among his children.

Although remarkably successful as a tiller of the soil, Mr. Harness acquired the most of his fortune by dealing in land and live stock. He purchased cattle and hogs on quite an extensive scale, which he prepared for the market and sold at handsome prices, and also devoted a great deal of attention to horses, which he bought when young and raised for the market, investing the proceeds in real estate, which rapidly advanced in value, making him in a comparatively short time a wealthy man. He was a shrewd trader. His judgment was seldom at fault, and he possessed to a remarkable degree the ability to foresee the future outcome of present action. While successful far beyond the majority of his fellow men, his methods were always honorable and his word when given to a friend or neighbor had all the sanctity of a written obligation.

After accumulating an ample competency Mr. Harness gave up business pursuits and moved to Center township, Howard county, near Kokomo, where he is now living in honorable retirement, owning a fine home of ten acres in the suburbs of the city, where, sur-

rounded by all that can minister to his comfort and enjoyment, he is spending the evening of life free from anxiety or care.

Mr. Harness was married December 6, 1830, to Drusilla Beck, a native of Augusta county, Virginia, where her birth occurred in the year 1821, and who bore him sixteen children, ten sons and six daughters, of which large family but one son survives in George W. Harness, Jr., one of the wealthy farmers and representative citizens of the county of Cass. Mrs. Harness departed this life in February, 1888, and later Mr. Harness married Alice Smith, who was born April 20, 1862, in Cass county, Indiana, the daughter of James W. and Mary Smith. This union has been blessed with one child, a son, by the name of Russell, who was born on the 2d day of December, 1890, and is now one of the most highly esteemed youths of Kokomo, with a bright and promising future before him. He was graduated from the Kokomo high school with the class of 1908, since which time he took a course in bookkeeping in the business college of the city. In September, 1908, he began a business course at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he is preparing himself for the active duties which in due season must fall to him. A young man of studious and exceptionable morals, an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Epworth League, he is always fulfilling the high hopes entertained for him by his parents and will doubtless prove a worthy successor to his honored father when the latter is no longer able to attend to business interests.

Mr. Harness was originally a Whig and cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison. After that old party had fulfilled its mission and passed out of existence he gave his allegiance to its successor and has ever since been an earnest and loyal Republican, deeply interested in his party's welfare and an influential contributor to its success. Although past the allotted age of man, he is still keen and alert, keeping abreast of the times on all public matters and

among the citizens of Howard county is considered a most companionable and affable gentleman, a favorite in the social circle and a broad-minded man of affairs. He still owns the farm in Cass county of four hundred acres which he developed from the wilderness, also two other fine places of two hundred forty and eighty acres, respectively, besides the ten acres in Center township on which he resides.

Mr. Harness' early life story is not uncommon in our western history and serves as an object lesson to those who would mount the ladder of success. His beginning was characterized by hard work and conscientious endeavor, and he owes his rise to no train of fortunate incidents or fortuitous circumstances. It is the reward of application of mental qualifications of a high order to the affairs of business, the combining with keen preceptions mental activity that enabled him to grasp the opportunities that presented themselves. This he did with success and what is more important, with honor. His integrity has ever been unassailable, his honor unimpeachable, and he stands now, as he has stood in the past, one of the successful men and representative citizens of the day and generation.

JAMES GALLION.

There are a few citizens of Howard township, Howard county, Indiana, who are more highly respected and whose genuine worth is more widely recognized than that of the subject of this sketch whose worthy career has been such that the younger generation in his community can emulate it with profit to themselves and the community at large, owing to the fact that his life has been singularly free from all that would deteriorate from the highest standards

of living. He has shown not only what the life of a good citizen should be socially and in business but also what the duty of a loyal and patriotic supporter of the national union should do when the integrity of the country of his birth is in peril. In brief, such lives as that of our worthy subject are not met with in great numbers or with any great frequency.

James Gallion was born in Clinton county, Ohio, November 4, 1843, the son of Joshua and Amanda (Speck) Gallion. Grandfather Gallion was born in Virginia and came to Indiana in 1840. Having been a shoemaker he followed this trade all his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. His faithful life companion reached the age of seventy-seven years. They were German Baptists. They raised nine children, all living to maturity, and all living to raise families of their own. An ancestor of the subject was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The subject had an uncle in the Mexican war and two uncles in the Civil war. There were five cousins on the Gallion side who were soldiers in the Federal ranks, all but one of whom lived to serve out their time, receiving honorable discharges and two cousins were soldiers in the Spanish-American war. One brother, Jehu, was a soldier in the Civil war. He was in Company E, Thirteenth Indiana Regiment, Volunteer Infantry. He received an injury at the battle of Cheat Mountain from which he died.

Grandfather Speck was a native of Kentucky, who moved to Ohio where he followed the shoemaker's trade. One of his brothers, Ark Speck, was a soldier in the Civil war in a Kansas regiment. There were six children in the family. The father of our subject was born in Virginia and was educated in Ohio, to which state he was brought by his parents when a child. He received only a district schooling. He took up the tanner's trade at which he served seven years as an apprentice. He followed this successfully for thirty

years, and then went to farming in Howard county, Indiana, where he came in 1848. He bought timber land which he cleared and improved and on which he made a good home. Later he traded this farm for another one, but his family was reared on the first place he owned in this county. He spent the balance of his days on the second farm, dying there at the age of sixty-two years. His wife lived to be fifty-eight years old. They were members of the German Baptist church and were highly respected by all who knew them. Eight children were born to them, six of whom lived to maturity.

The early education of James Gallion was received in the district schools of Howard county and township, having attended school until after he was seventeen years old.

Our subject was one of those loyal citizens who, when the dark clouds in the sixties came over the national horizon and the foundations of our government were threatened, sacrificed the ties of home and educational training to offer his services in defense of the flag, having enlisted when only eighteen years old in Company C, Seventy-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was first sent to Louisville, Kentucky, and his first engagement was at Hoover's Gap; he also fought at Hartsville, Milton, Tullahoma. The next engagement of importance was in the great battle of Chickamauga where Mr. Gallion was wounded on September 19, 1863. He was sent to the hospital at Nashville and was kept in various hospitals until 1864, when he recovered sufficiently to be transferred February 22d, 1864, to the Second Battalion, Reserve Corps, Company One Hundred and Five, in which he served his time out, receiving an honorable discharge. After he returned home he went to work at whatever he could secure that was honorable and remunerative.

On November 29, 1866, Mr. Gallion was married to Sarah Eleanor Hunt, daughter of Wilson and Mary (Wilson) Hunt. Her parents came from North Carolina and settled in Wayne county,

Indiana, about 1844, where they bought a farm and later moved from there to Iowa, then back to Indiana, locating in Madison county, where Wilson Hunt bought a farm and where he died at the age of fifty years. His wife passed away at the age of forty-nine. They became the parents of fifteen children, thirteen of whom lived to maturity, two of the sons becoming soldiers in the Civil war in an Indiana regiment, one of them dying from disease contracted while in the service, the other serving out his time.

Eight children have been born to the subject and wife, their names and order of birth being as follows: Charles W., born March 10, 1868, is deceased; Elijah M., born November 21, 1866, is married; Amanda D., born October 10, 1871, died young; George E., born April 10, 1873, is married and has one child; Iza E., born November 30, 1875, is the wife of Loren Mason, of Howard county, and the mother of two children; Ezra P., born October 7, 1878, is married; Katie B., born March 18, 1880, is the wife of Elbert Hunt and the mother of one child; James D., born July 25, 1883, is married.

Mr. Gallion owns a very productive and highly improved farm of sixty acres on which stands a substantial and well-furnished dwelling and many convenient outbuildings. His place is mostly fenced with wire and the fields are well drained, there being over one thousand rods of tile on the farm, which was unimproved when he bought it and many changes for the better have been inaugurated by the present owner. He has tilled the fields, cleared most of the land and made one of the best farms in the township. His wheat crop in 1908 averaged thirty bushels per acre. He keeps his land in a high state of productiveness by home fertilizers and rotation of crops with clover; in fact, no better farmer is to be found in Howard township than Mr. Gallion, as the fine appearance of his place would indicate to any observer, and his reputation throughout the

county as a Christian gentleman and an upright citizen is of the best. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gallion are active members of the Christian church. The former is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a Republican in politics.

ALBERT V. CONRADT.

Among the distinctive leaders of industry in Kokomo, a place of privity must be accorded the gentleman whose name heads this article, for to him is due the upbuilding of an industry which is not only one of the most important in the city, but also among the most extensive of the kind in the United States, the comparatively brief period within which this result has been obtained bearing further testimony of his exceptional foresight and administrative ability. A. V. Conradt is a native of Miami county, Indiana, and son of Godlove Conradt, who located in Peru in 1845 and for many years was actively identified with the industrial growth and business interests of that city, at one time having conducted a tannery and wholesale leather store and at intervals being connected with various other lines of enterprise. A. V. Conradt was reared and educated in his native town and when a young man took a pharmaceutical course with the object in view of making that profession his life work. Shortly after his graduation, however, he changed his mind and formed a partnership with his father in the timber business, the firm thus constituted operating quite extensively for some years in Miami, Howard and other counties of northern Indiana, with headquarters in the city of Peru.

In the course of his business experience the elder Conradt some years ago came into possession of a farm a short distance from Ko-

komo, and when natural gas was discovered in Howard county this place was found to be in one of the most highly favored localities of that noted field. In due time wells were drilled, but how to utilize the vast amount of gas they produced gave rise to no little discussion and investigation. Seeing as they thought a favorable opening for the pottery industry in this part of the country, the Conradt Brothers, A. V. and Fred W., finally decided to embark in the enterprise. Accordingly, in 1893, they secured the services of Mr. Coxson, an expert artisan of Trenton, New Jersey, as manager and before the expiration of that year a plant was erected, fully equipped and in successful operation. The enterprise proving successful from the beginning and more than meeting the expectations of the proprietors, the plant was enlarged from time to time until it is now more than double its original capacity, the number of kilns having been increased from four to nine, while the product, which consists of plumbers' earthenware, is of a high standard of excellence and has an extensive sale in the leading markets of the country. While natural gas lasted it proved an ideal fuel, but since the field became exhausted it has been superseded by coal.

The rapid growth of the industry in Kokomo and its safety as an investment induced the Conradt Brothers, in 1899, to purchase a similar plant at Tiffin, Ohio, the origin of which antedates that time by a number of years, it being, in fact, the first plant west of the Alleghany mountains that made the manufacture of sanitary pottery a specialty. Since taking possession of the plant at Tiffin it has been in charge of Fred W. Conradt, the business in Kokomo being under the management of A. V. Conradt, whose able administration has tended to its enlargement until, as already stated, the plant now occupies a prominent place among the leading industrial enterprises of the city, affording employment to about one hundred and fifty men, with an average monthly pay roll considerably in excess of

ten thousand dollars. Inaugurated as a venture, the magnitude to which the enterprise has grown and its success from a business and financial point of view, has few if any parallels in the history of industrial establishments, and that it is destined to still larger growth and more extensive patronage is the belief of those at all familiar with the broad and liberal principles upon which it is based and the wise and conservative policies which have been pursued by the wide-awake men by whom its affairs are conducted.

By strict attention to the demands of the trade as well as by superior executive ability, A. V. Conrath has won the prominent place in business circles he now occupies, his career from the beginning presenting a series of continued advancements and successes such as few of much larger experience seldom attain. Aside from his manufacturing interests he is prominently connected with various other enterprises, which have greatly enhanced the material welfare of his city, being a director of the Citizens' National Bank, vice-president and director of the Kokomo Steel and Wire Company, to say nothing of his holdings in other and lesser concerns, which in the aggregate are by no means inconsiderable.

Though never unduly daring in his business affairs, Mr. Conrath seems to possess rare foresight and sagacity, as well as sound judgment and mature discrimination, as the outcome of his various investments abundantly indicate. Time has shown conclusively that he made no mistake in the venture to which his energies, in the main, have been devoted, and with a similar spirit in his other undertakings, it is not strange that signal results have followed and that he has forged to a foremost place in the ranks of Howard county's representative men of affairs. While possessing broad and intimate knowledge concerning matters of public interest and manifesting a lively interest in public matters, his extensive business connections have naturally compelled him to give politics a subordinate place.

notwithstanding which he keeps in touch with the leading questions and issues of the day and with a commendable spirit discharges the duties devolving upon him as a citizen and a member of society. He is an active and influential member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and during the hours of leisure at his command finds his greatest enjoyment as an automobilist, in which diversion he is a recognized expert.

Mr. Conradt is a married man and the father of one child, a son by the name of Lewis Albert, his wife, whom he wedded in Peru, having formerly been Mary Ager, daughter of U. A. Ager, a well known and highly esteemed resident of that city.

JOHN HINKLE.

Among the representative farmers and honored ex-soldiers of Howard county, Indiana, is the subject of this review, who is the owner of a fine farm in Taylor township and is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and energy which are sure to find their natural sequence in definite success. To such men as Mr. Hinkle we turn with particular satisfaction as offering in their life histories justification for works of this character owing to the life of honesty and sobriety he has led and his energetic nature and patriotic spirit.

John Hinkle was born in Delaware county, Indiana, in 1842, the son of Ziba and Abigail Hinkle. Grandfather Hinkle was a native of Ohio who came to Indiana and settled at Muncie where he spent the balance of his life, dying in 1845. His widow survived him many years. Seven children of this couple lived to maturity. Moses Hinkle, uncle of our subject, was a soldier from

Howard county and died from disease contracted while in line of duty.

Ziba Hinkle, father of the subject, had few opportunities to obtain an early education. He remained in the vicinity of Muncie until 1856, working on the farm with his father until the date mentioned when he came to Howard county and in about four years bought forty acres of wooded land which he and his sons cleared, improved and made a home on. He sold this farm in 1862 and bought another farm of forty acres, and after several years he traded for an eighty acre farm in Madison county which he later sold and he and his wife bought property in Centre, Howard county, where the former lived until after his wife's death, then came to live with one of his daughters, a Mrs. Bergen. The mother of the subject died in 1908 at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The father is eighty-eight years old at the time of this writing. Both he and his wife were long members of the Christian church. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom reached maturity. Three of the sons have been Indiana soldiers; Jacob was in the seventy-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and he died while in the army as a result of an attack of measles; Joseph survived until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge. Both enlisted from Howard county.

John Hinkle, our subject, attended the district schools in Howard county, working on the farm in the meantime, remaining under his parental roof until 1861 when he responded to his country's call for troops to save the Union from disintegration. Severing home ties he enlisted when nineteen years old in Company D, Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The first winter after his enlistment he contracted the measles and they affected his lungs. After returning to his regiment he was put to driving a team at which he remained for two years. When he returned to his com-

pany it was at the battle of Chickamauga. He later participated in the battle of Missionary Ridge and Ringgold, Georgia. He was also in the marches and skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged on the Atlanta campaign. Since his regiment was armed with Spencer repeating rifles it was brought into nearly all the engagements. During the siege of Atlanta this regiment at times went entirely around the city and the Confederate army. They were surrounded each time, but cut their way through the lines of the enemy with heavy loss. Many of their horses were lost which necessitated a slow movement and the plan of the raid was at one time nearly defeated on this account. They met with heavy loss at the battle of Jonesboro. After this the regiment was on the march to the sea, during which it was engaged at Mud Creek, South Carolina. Mr. Hinkle was mustered out at the close of the war, but he never fully recovered from the disease contracted during the first year of his service. After the war he came to Howard county, settling on the property where he has since resided. He then built a small log cabin eighteen by twenty feet, one story high, in which he lived for thirty years and in which all his children were born and where two of them died. This place consisted of fifty-three acres, most of which he cleared himself. On it now stands a fine modern and commodious farm house, erected by the subject, also a good barn. He has tilled and drained the land, also put it under a fine state of cultivation, set out an excellent orchard of fine fruits of selected varieties. The place is well fenced with wire. Owing to the fact that the subject is not now able to continue active work, the farm is managed by his son-in-law, but the subject brought the place up to its present high state of efficiency through his skillful management.

Mr. Hinkle was married in 1864 to Mary A., daughter of Samuel and Nancy Whisler, who were natives of Pennsylvania.

Six children have been born to the subject and wife, the first

of which died in early infancy; Alice, the second child, who was born in 1807, is the wife of James Duke, of Howard county, and the mother of eight children; the third child of the subject and wife died in infancy; Cora, born in 1870, was the wife of a Mr. Sale, and the mother of three children; Loretta, born in 1871, is the wife of Severn Bryan; Christiana A., born in 1887, is the wife of Walter McChristian.

The subject is a member of the Christian church. The wife of the subject, who passed to her rest in 1900, was also a member of this church.

Fraternally Mr Hinkle is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a loyal Republican and was assessor for two years, serving in this official capacity with much credit. It would be impossible to find, within the bounds of Howard county, a more public-spirited, loyal, high-minded and upright gentleman than Mr. Hinkle.

REV. E. RICHARD EDWARDS.

There is no earthly station higher than the ministry of the Gospel, no life can be more uplifting and grander than that which is devoted to ameliorating the human race, a life of sacrifice for the betterment of the brotherhood of man, one that is willing to cast aside all earthly crowns and laurels of fame in order to follow in the footsteps of the lowly Nazarene. It is not possible to measure adequately the height, depth and breadth of such a life for its influences continued to permeate the lives of others through succeeding generations, so the power it has cannot be known until "the sun grows cold, and the stars are old and the leaves of the judgment

book unfold." The subject of this sketch is one of those self-sacrificing, ardent, loyal and true spirits that is a blessing to the race, leaving in its wake an influence that ever makes brighter and better the lives of those who follow.

Rev. E. Richard Edwards, pastor of the Main Street Christian church, Kokomo, Indiana, was born in New York City, March 17, 1806. His parents, people of sterling qualities and the highest integrity, were natives of Wales.

The subject of this sketch was graduated from the public schools of New York where he made a splendid record, for he was always an ambitious lad and applied himself closely to his work. After leaving school he served as a machinist's apprentice, and during his service in the shop he took the technical course in civil engineering at the Cooper Institute night school. Here, too, he made rapid progress.

For a time our subject was associated with his brother and father in the hardware and house furnishing business. But believing that his mission lay along higher planes he gave up this lucrative business and entered Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, and completing the course there, was graduated in June, 1830, having made a splendid record in this school. His first regular charge was in Brooklyn, New York, where he built up the Second church to godly proportions, having greatly strengthened it. He was in charge of the field at Syracuse, New York, for a period of nearly eight years, after which he was called to a large and flourishing church in Bedford, Indiana.

From the latter place Rev. Edwards was called to the church in Kokomo, which is considered one of the most desirable charges in the state. The call was accepted in June, 1867, and since that time the church has leaped into the front rank as one whose growth and progress has won favorable comment throughout the city.

In addition to his regular collegiate course, Mr. Edwards attended Union Seminary, New York, and also did two years of post-graduate work in sociology at Syracuse University under Professor John R. Commons.

Thus amply qualified for his duties this clergyman is especially strong in winning men to his ministry and his first year in Kokomo added one hundred and fifty members to his already large membership.

Our subject has an interesting and highly cultured family, consisting of his wife, who was formerly Lena W. Lillard, whom he married in Lexington, Kentucky, and two boys, Tyler C. and Edward B., aged sixteen and fourteen years respectively, and no family in Kokomo is more highly esteemed.

REV. SYLVESTER F. WILSON.

One of the well known and revered gentlemen of Howard county with which this publication has to do is the subject of this biographical record, who is a farmer of more than ordinary skill and who has labored long, devotedly and successfully in the noble calling to which he has consecrated the latter years of his life, serving in more or less active pastoral relations in Clay township, where he maintains his home, and being here held in the highest esteem by all who know him, while his name is one honored throughout this section of the state. He supplies many of the various smaller charges and is often called upon to exercise his ministerial functions in various ways. He has been a deep student of sociological problems and movements, taking an active interest in such movements. Mr. Wilson has been an effective worker in the cause of

temperance and has ever been found a loyal and public-spirited citizen, for he has brought to his life work a mind well disciplined by scholastic training, which, together with his indomitable labors, has won for him a conspicuous place in Howard county, where his labors have been greatly blessed, and having enthusiasm for still greater achievements in the holy office in which his abilities and energies are being devoted, the future yet holds much in store for him.

Rev. Sylvester E. Wilson is a native of Howard county, Indiana, being born here September 27, 1849, the son of James B. Wilson, a native of New York, who was born in 1803. The subject's mother was Eunice Richmond in her maidenhood, a native of Switzerland county, Indiana. They were married in the southern part of the state and settled in Howard county in 1845, being among the pioneer element of those days when the great resources of the county were yet undeveloped. They made their subsequent home in Ervin township, where they both departed this life, rearing four sons and three daughters, our subject being the third child in order of birth and the eldest son. He was reared in Ervin township and lived on the old homestead until he was thirty-two years old, when he was married, August 23, 1884, to Electa A. Tarkington, daughter of John E. and Amanda A. Tarkington, and a native of Clay township, where she was called from her earthly career May 17, 1898, after a faithful and consecrated life. Two children were born to the subject and wife—Earl, who died in infancy, and Eva A., born March 13, 1895. The subject was again married August 24, 1904, to Margrett L. Johnson, who was a native of Orange county, Indiana. They have one child, Ernest F., born October 31, 1906.

While farming has been the chief vocation of Mr. Wilson he has taught seven very successful terms of school in Howard county.

and he has taken an active part in township offices. He was deputy county treasurer for two terms. He is a supporter of the Republican ticket in national elections. He held the position of township trustee for six years most creditably. He has also taken an active interest in church work from his youth, having been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years. He has been a local preacher in the Methodist church since 1891 and an ordained elder since April, 1906.

Mr. Wilson owns a valuable farm of one hundred and eleven acres, all of which are well improved and under an excellent system of cultivation, receiving the careful attention of the subject, although he has been a very busy man in recent years. He is regarded as a man of the highest principles and staunchest integrity and justly merits the deep regard in which he is held in Clay township.

WILLIAM B. HELMICH.

In any vocation of life there may come success, sometimes achieved by wealth, but oftener simply by grit and brains. In fact, the basis of true manhood lies not so much in the accumulation of wealth and honor as in the purpose and determination to do something for self and family. Success has come to our subject through a source for which he has long had a peculiar liking, and one which has had to do with the uplifting of humanity by appealing to the higher elements of nature. The stage has done a great deal toward making true men and women. It is through it that character is best demonstrated and the different traits brought to such a high pitch of emphasis that the lessons are not soon forgotten. Nor is character alone emphasized; great principles are often evolved, new

the ries presented and explained, and teaching of a high standard is often effectually done through this play of life. The stage of to-day does not appeal to the sensual. Its purpose is higher, its aim for good. It is through this channel that Shakespeare, Johnson and others still live in the hearts of the cultured, and the imagination is drawn on to picture the greatest lessons of life. Mr. Helmich in his management of the Sipe theater has studied to please the masses and has made an especial effort to place the best obtainable in the business to the front. It has been his aim to place only the best productions of the day before the people, so that a lasting impression for good would be left on their minds, and many are the lessons that have been taught through this source that have been helpful to the community.

William B. Helmich, as already indicated the manager of the George Sipe theater, is a native of Howard county, having been born in Kokomo, November 27, 1866. He is the son of A. J. and Mary J. (Morgan) Helmich. The former was a soldier during the Civil war and died several years ago; the latter is still living in Kokomo. Our subject was reared in the city of his birth and attended the public schools of the place until his thirteenth year, at which time he left school to learn the brickmaker's trade, at which he worked several years, both in this city and in Kansas. Later he engaged in the contracting and building business with his uncle, W. B. Morgan, the firm thus constituted meeting with a fair degree of success, doing business under the firm name of Morgan & Helmich. After abandoning that line of work Mr. Helmich launched out into the theatrical world, joining Mr. Sipe, of Kokomo, and for a number of years was advance agent for the Sipe shows, after which he assumed the management of the opera house at Kokomo. He became connected with Mr. Sipe on the opening night of his new opera house nine years ago and has continued in connection with this ven-

ture ever since. Mr. Helmich has been untiring in his efforts to place the business on the highest possible plane, and that he has been successful is evidenced by the high class of entertainments he is continually bringing to the local opera house for the amusement of the many patrons.

Mr. Helmich's beautiful home in this city is presided over by the estimable lady of his choice, to whom he was married in 1887 at Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Helmich, who, before her marriage, was Fannie Rivers, of Kansas City, Missouri, has a large circle of friends in Kokomo, among whom she is very popular.

Mr. Helmich is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; also of the Eagles and Bricklayers' union. Politically he is a Republican.

GEORGE W. SIPE.

In touching upon the life history of the subject of this sketch the writer aims to avoid fulsome encomium and extravagant praise; yet he desires to hold up for consideration those facts which have shown the distinction of a true, useful and honorable life—a life characterized by perseverance, energy, broad charity and well defined purpose. To do this will be but to reiterate the dictum pronounced upon the man by the people who have known him so long and well, for the subject presents in his career of merchant, theatrical manager, and many other lines of business, an interesting study of the manner in which adherence to principle and sturdy endeavor may win worthy distinction in pursuits diverse and ennobling. Throughout an active and interesting career duty has ever been his motive of action, and usefulness to his fellow men not by any means a secondary consideration. Standing today among the most intel-

ligent, enterprising, progressive and alert of his contemporaries, he has performed well his part in life, and it is a compliment worthily bestowed to say that Howard county is honored by his citizenship, for he has achieved definite success through his own efforts and is thoroughly deserving of the proud American title of self-made man, the term being one that, in its better sense, cannot but appeal to the loyal admiration of all who are appreciative of our national institutions and the privileges afforded for individual accomplishment, and it is a privilege, ever gratifying, in this day and age, to meet a man who has the courage to face the battles of life with a strong heart and steady hand and to win in the stern conflict by bringing to bear only those forces with which nature has equipped him, self-reliance, self-respect and integrity.

George W. Sipe, owner and manager of the Sipe Theater in Kokomo, was born in Connelsville, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1850, the son of Aaron and Rosa (Chorpenning) Sipe, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of England, who came to America when she was a child with her parents and was reared in Clarksburg, Virginia. The father of our subject was a German Baptist preacher during the major part of his life, coming to Miami county, Indiana, in 1860 and in the spring of 1865 he moved to Howard county, Indiana, where he lived until his death in March, 1872, at the early age of forty-six years. His wife passed to her rest in December, 1903, at the age of seventy-six years. The subject came to Indiana with his parents and spent his youth in Miami and Howard counties, having received a good common school education. Being an ambitious lad from the start he applied himself in a most assiduous manner and outstripped many of his less energetic contemporaries.

After the death of his father our subject engaged in the butcher business at Bunker Hill, and later launched in the livery business.

still later the grocery and dry goods business, operating all these lines in a most successful manner, which resulted in a comfortable income for several years. He sold out in 1878 and went to Fowler, Indiana, where he engaged in the hardware business for a period of two years, building up a good trade, but believing that Kokomo offered greater advantages, he sold out and in 1886 located in this city. He became a member of the hardware firm of Ellis & Sipe, where he remained with flattering success for a period of five years, when he sold out to engage in the livery business, in which he continued in a most successful manner until 1894. During that time he erected a large brick barn sixty-seven by one hundred and thirty-two feet, on Washington street, and owned the business until 1897. Believing that he saw a good opening in the circus business, Mr. Sipe also engaged in the circus business, in which he traversed the country until 1904, visiting every state and territory in the Union, showing in all the large cities and many of the smaller towns, and during that time he was in various business organizations, first as Sipe & Dolman for three years, then he was alone, having two shows in 1900, which he sold to Gentry Brothers. In 1901 he organized a stock company with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, ninety-two thousand dollars of which was paid up, and the company was known as Sipe's Educated Animals and Lilliputian Shows. The first year was very successful, but the business of the second year was seriously interfered with on account of weather conditions, it having rained every day but twelve during the twenty-seven weeks, which resulted in a loss to the company of seventy-two thousand dollars. This show was later sold, and our subject organized another, which he successfully managed until the fall of 1904. In 1900 our subject built the Sipe Theater in Kokomo, which is one of the neatest, up-to-date and popular play houses in the state. It is sixty-six by one hundred and thirty-two feet, the brick and stone of which cost thirty-

seven thousand dollars, and its seating capacity is one thousand, one hundred and eighty-two, the size of the stage being forty-five by sixty-six feet back of the curtain line, which is the largest in the state. The interior is beautifully decorated, modern in every appointment, and safe. Useless to say that this theater is well patronized by the people of Kokomo and vicinity, often numerous patrons come from surrounding towns to shows of extraordinary excellence. In March, 1906, Mr. Sipe established himself in vaudeville and the house was conducted as a vaudeville theater every week in the year, three shows a day, this being a most successful venture. It is practically the only theater in the city, and it plays all leading traveling first-class attractions in addition to vaudeville. Mr. Sipe, associated with W. B. Helmick, also has the lease of the Broadway Theater at Logansport, which forms no small portion of his income. He is one of the most thorough show men in the state and has a wide reputation with members of this profession.

Our subject was united in marriage February 2, 1882, to Ada B. Duckwall, a native of Bunker Hill, this state, the accomplished and refined daughter of Daniel and Zilla (Reader) Duckwall, natives of Ohio, early settlers of Miami county, and influential people in their community. One child, Earl D., has been born to the subject and wife. He is a bright boy and gives every promise of a successful future.

Mr. Sipe in his political relations is a loyal Republican, and in his fraternal relations is a member of the Elks at Kokomo. The career of Mr. Sipe is interesting from the fact that he started his eminently successful career without a dollar, having earned his first money when sixteen years of age by cutting three hundred rods of ditch on a farm eight miles east of Kokomo. He then cleared eight acres of ground; he then split ten thousand rails at one cent each for Henry Metz in Howard township. But by the exercise of sound

business principles, and by being energetic at all times, he has forged to the front in spite of all obstacles and is today one of the most deserving and worthy business men of this county, where he is held in high esteem by all classes because of his honesty of purpose, his industry, genuine worth, courtesy of manners and his public spirit.

JOHN LOUIS PEETZ.

Success has universally been an attendant of that person whom judgment and discrimination have enabled to suit a proper action to every situation in life. The past career and present position and character of John Louis Peetz, the subject of this brief article, indicate how well he has appreciated and acted in the circumstances that have surrounded him. The ancestry of Mr. Peetz was German. His father, George H. Peetz, a native of the fatherland, came to the United States a number of years ago, and for some time lived in Ripley county, Indiana, removing thence to Howard county when the subject was eight years of age, settling on a farm in Taylor township, about seven miles southwest of Kokomo, near the Tipton county line. The subject's mother, who bore the maiden name of Bachman, was also born in Germany, and, like her husband, inherited many of the sterling qualities for which her nationality has for ages been distinguished.

In Ripley county, Indiana, on a farm, John Louis Peetz first saw the light of day, March 16, 1867, and at the age of eight years was brought by his parents to Howard county, where he remained until the removal of the family to the county of Tipton, in the year 1883. Meantime he became inured to the duties of farm life, grew to young manhood with a well developed physique and a spirit of

self-control which, in due time, enabled him to bend circumstances to suit his purposes, in the laying of a foundation for his future course of life.

In the district schools Mr. Peetz received a practical English education, and such was his progress in his studies that at the age of nineteen he successfully passed the examination for a teacher's license, and for a period of three years taught in the schools of Tipton county. Subsequently he took a partial course in pharmacy at Purdue, and for four or five years clerked in a drug store, in addition to which he was for some time engaged in the grain trade at Nevada, where he also acted in the capacity of station and ticket agent for the Cincinnati division of the Pan Handle Railroad.

From early boyhood Mr. Peetz manifested a decided taste for mathematics, and his remarkable aptness in the same finally induced him to take the civil service examination, which he passed successfully. Shortly after receiving his returns he was appointed to a position in the United States Census Bureau at the national capital. Within a comparatively short time he was promoted section chief, and afterward detailed for special work in gathering statistics for the department. Mr. Peetz entered the government service February 1, 1900, and resigned this position January 1, 1907, at which time he was appointed chief deputy in the office of the Indiana Bureau of Statistics, at Indianapolis, where he remained nearly one year, and then resigned for the purpose of competing for the nomination for state statistician, in the contest for which he was ably assisted by his wife, who by means strikingly original and tactful proved a worthy and influential ally, as the sequel amply demonstrated.

Mr. Peetz was married on the 27th of January, 1904, in Garrett, Indiana, to Cora R. Weeks, a native of Dekalb county, and a highly cultured and refined lady, who has achieved enviable dis-

tion as a teacher in various institutions, among them being the Northern Indiana University, at Valparaiso, in the scientific department of which she was graduated in the year 1894. Subsequently she added to her scholastic training by taking a full classical course at Valparaiso, receiving her degree in 1902.

The circumstances under which Mrs. Peetz entered the political arena and outgeneraled some of the more skillful and astute politicians in the state furnishes an interesting chapter without a parallel in the history of Indiana politics. Briefly stated, the facts leading to her becoming an effective instrument in her husband's contest for the office of the state statistician and her victory in the convention were as follows: In April, 1907, she took charge of the office of the *Monon News*, a weekly paper, which had been established at Monon, Indiana, by her brother, George T. Weeks, under whose management it continued to be published until failing health obliged him to give up the enterprise. Under the management of lessees the office had become sadly run down. At this juncture, however, Mrs. Peetz took control, and under her management the paper soon more than regained the prestige it had lost, and within the brief space of a year not only became self-supporting, but established a reputation as one of the best edited and most popular papers in the northern part of the state. Mr. Peetz was triumphantly elected in November, 1908. When Mr. Peetz decided to enter the race for the nomination of state statistician it was through the columns of *The News* that his candidacy was first given publicity. In an ably prepared editorial in which his peculiar fitness for the position, as well as his excellent standing as a man and citizen, were fully set forth, Mrs. Peetz demonstrated her ability and adroitness as a campaigner by sending marked copies of the paper to each delegate to the convention. In this way her influence became as effective as if she had resorted to the much more difficult task of a

personal canvass. She attended the convention and after the ballot by which her husband was nominated had been taken she was called to the platform, where her presence was greeted with tumultuous applause, and her graceful bow of acknowledgment created an enthusiasm seldom witnessed in such assemblages.

Mr. Peetz has made his home in Kokomo, where his wife also retains her legal residence, and for some time past he has devoted considerable attention to the real estate business, in which his success has been encouraging. At this writing he is making an active though honorable canvass of the state, in which he is ably assisted by his wife through the columns of *The News*, and should he prove successful in the coming campaign, which now appears probable, much of the credit will be due the faithful ally, who, since the time she exchanged her name for the one she now so worthily bears, has been his inspiration in all laudable and honorable endeavors.

Mr. Peetz and his accomplished wife have many warm friends and admirers in Kokomo, and move in the best social circles of the city. Thus far his life has been one of strenuous activity and by reason of the success with which it has been attended, his friends are justified in predicting for him a future of still greater usefulness and distinction.

REV. FRANCIS LORDEMANX.

Howard county has been the home and the scene of labor of many men who have not only led lives which should serve as a lesson and inspiration to those who follow them onto the stage of life's activities, but who have also been of important service through important avenues of usefulness in various lines. The honored and

highly esteemed subject of this sketch is a man of well rounded character, sincere, devoted and loyal, so that there are many salient points which render consonant a tribute to his memory in this compilation. Standing as he does today, the head of one of the most important churches in Howard country, where his labors have long been directed for the amelioration of the people of this community with such gratifying results.

Rev. Francis Lordemann, pastor of the St. Patrick's church, Kokomo, Indiana, was born in Germany and received the foundation of his education in his native land. He came to America in 1860 and entered St. Francis' Seminary at Milwaukee, where he completed his education. In 1873 he was ordained to the priesthood, being ordained by Bishop Dwenger, and in September of the same year was appointed to take charge of St. Patrick's church in Kokomo.

During his early years here he also did much missionary work, attending the missions at Tipton, Noblesville, Buscher, Mullin's Station and Frankfort. He still attends the mission at Bunker Hill, fifteen miles from Kokomo, driving thither once a month to celebrate high mass and preach a sermon. This mission has a neat and comfortable frame church built by Father Kelley, but has never had a resident pastor. Father Lordemann has attended this mission for a period of seventeen years. For a period of thirty-five years at this writing (1908) our subject has been in charge of all advancement and building of church edifices and school houses, all due to his efforts. In 1904 he built an addition to the school house costing four thousand dollars, and in 1905 four lots were bought fronting on Fremont street, and two years later the old church was torn down and a new building started, which, when completed, will cost about one hundred thousand dollars, and will be one of the finest church edifices in the state. The basement, which is completed, and

is used temporarily for worship, is one hundred and fifty by eighty-five feet. He has purchased all the church property except where the church stands and has made many improvements on the buildings from time to time, and the property is entirely clear of debt. It was no small task to do all this, and especially when we consider that at the time the church was built the congregation was not rich and was comparatively small. It required much hard work and a zeal and perseverance that only those who were closely connected with and took active part in the work of the parish can clearly understand and appreciate. Besides this he has been active in building up the parish and raising the spiritual standing of the congregation, which is now in an excellent condition, both temporal and spiritual. In the purchase of property, the erection of the buildings and in looking after the many transactions and duties devolving upon him he has shown business tact and energy, as well as a devotion to the church.

St. Patrick's church, which occupies a position of prominence in the city and vicinity of Kokomo, is the result of over a half century of faithful Catholicity in this locality. The good people of this church have cheerfully made many sacrifices to provide means to erect the commodious quarters they will soon occupy in the new building. At the present time there is a large congregation in Kokomo, but fifty years ago it was quite different when Catholics first began to settle here, but in this period of time its advancement has been remarkable. In the fifties Kokomo was only a mission, being visited from time to time by priests from Indianapolis and other points for the celebration of mass and the baptism of infants. The first efforts at establishing a mission was begun by Father Hamilton in 1859. A lot was donated by Doctor Richmond to the congregation, an adjoining lot was purchased and the two were used for church purposes, and Father Hamilton, in the following year, erected the

old church, a small, unpretentious frame building, but sufficiently large for the few Catholics here at that time. During the ten years following the mission experienced numerous changes in spiritual direction. The first resident pastor was Father Patrick Frawley, in 1869, who added a vestry to the mission church. When Father Lordeman took charge the congregation had considerably increased and comprised about forty families. He at once began to improve the property, and in 1874 the commodious parochial residence was built, which he still occupies. He also organized the parish and got the affairs of the congregation running on a more business-like basis. On March 11, 1875, he purchased the lot north of the residence.

The old church now became quite inadequate to increased number of Catholics, and it became imperative to erect a larger one, and our subject at once began to take subscriptions to erect a new one, and the following year the old church was removed to an adjoining lot and work on a new structure began, which was completed in 1877 at a cost of twenty thousand dollars. At that time it was the largest church in the city and a credit to the town. But it is now to be supplanted by the mammoth and imposing new edifice in course of erection.

Shortly after Father Lordeman came to Kokomo he began to realize the necessity of a school, where the children could acquire a good Christian education. The first school was organized in 1874, when a part of the auditorium of the church was partitioned off for that purpose. In 1877 the old church building was remodeled and fitted up for a school house, the number of pupils having doubled, now being over sixty. A school building was begun in 1893, all costing eleven thousand dollars, and the attendance now numbers over two hundred pupils.

The acts of our subject, both spiritual and temporal, have met with the united approval of his own people and all others as well.

The good he has accomplished does not stand alone in the splendid buildings he has caused to be raised, but they are deeply engraven on the hearts of the people of Howard county and the approval of his own conscience and that of the Divine Master are all the reward he wished for his labors in behalf of the church.

OLIVER CLINTON HEADY.

Oliver Clinton Heady, the well known liveryman of Kokomo, Howard county, was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, January 29, 1868, the son of George and Jane (Ashbrook) Heady, both natives of Hamilton county, Indiana. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest, namely: Ellen, wife of John R. Hickman; Thouris; Claretta, wife of Cyrus Klepher; Calvin, deceased. When seven years old our subject was brought to Harrison township, Howard county, where he soon began working on a farm, which he continued until he was twenty-one years old. He worked out by the month and farmed for four years. He came to Kokomo believing that better opportunities there awaited him, and he first began farming, which he followed with success until 1902, when he engaged in the livery business, having carried on the same with gratifying results ever since, becoming known as one of the most obliging and conscientious men in this line of business in this locality. He has a large number of excellent carriages, buggies and other vehicles and many horses of a good quality, good drivers and saddlers, and the traveling public as well as pleasure seekers are his constant patrons, knowing that here they will receive the best of treatment.

Mr. Heady was united in marriage in Center township, this

county, to Oda May Hanna, daughter of T. J. and Louisa (Moore) Hanna. She was born in Center township and received her education there. The ceremony that made them one was performed in Center township. This union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Thomas Carl, a twelve-year-old lad.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Heady is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ben-Hur. He is a man of excellent qualities, sincere, industrious and always kind, which facts have won him many friends in Howard county, and he is regarded as one of the most promising young men in the business life of the county.

RONOLDO MEREDITH COOPER.

It cannot be other than interesting to note in the series of personal sketches appearing in this work the varying conditions that have compassed those whose careers are outlined, and the effort has been made in each case to throw well focused light onto the individuality and to bring into proper perspective the scheme of each respective career. Each man who strives to fulfill his part in connection with human life and human activities is deserving of recognition, whatever may be his field of endeavor, and it is the function of works of this nature to perpetuate for future generations an authentic record concerning those represented in its pages, and the value of such publications is certain to be cumulative for all time to come, showing forth the individual and specific accomplishments of which generic history is ever engendered. The bar of Howard county has ever maintained a high standing, and among the able young members of the same is he whose name introduces this paragraph. With a natural predilection for the law, and endowed with

an analytical mind and ready faculty of assimilation, Mr. Cooper was led to adopt the profession, and he has exemplified in a significant way the value of concentration, while the future of such a career cannot fail to be gratifying. He is established in the practice in Kokomo, retaining a representative clientele and holding the esteem of his professional confreres, at the same time leading such a life as to gain the confidence and respect of all classes. Therefore it is consistent that mention be made of Mr. Cooper in this volume for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that he was one of the gallant soldiers who offered their services in the name of humanity during the Spanish-American war.

Ronoldo Meredith Cooper was born in Burlington, Indiana, July 13, 1871, the son of William and Eliza (Newcomb) Cooper, the former a native of Preble county, Ohio, and the latter of Cass county, Indiana. The subject's father is a well known and popular physician and surgeon, for a period of forty-five years being one of the oldest practitioners in Howard county, having located in Kokomo in March, 1875, and was very successful in all his professional career. The subject was four years old when he came to Kokomo, and he was reared and educated here. Being ambitious from the start he studied hard and obtained a good education in the local schools. When only fifteen years old he entered Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake, where he remained for a period of two years, and in which institution he made a splendid record. He later entered the University of Indiana, taking a course in the literary department. He afterward entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in 1891, taking a literary course, later completing the law course, graduating from that department with high honors in 1895. After leaving school Mr. Cooper entered the law office of his brother-in-law, John Worth Kern, of Indianapolis, the candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1908 on the Demo-

cratic ticket, and he remained in this office as clerk for a period of three years, giving entire satisfaction in every respect.

When the Spanish-American war began our subject responded to the patriotic feeling that possessed him, desiring to see active service at the front in the cause of humanity, and enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Indiana Battery in 1898, the battery having formerly been known as Battery A, which for a time took all national prizes in drilling, and Mr. Cooper served with credit and distinction in the same until the close of the war, under Major General Brooks, in Porto Rico. After his experience in the army he returned to Indiana and located in Kokomo and engaged in the practice of law, his success being instantaneous. Becoming well known, and having taken an active part in political affairs, he was elected city judge in 1906 for a term of four years, during which time he faithfully performed the duties of this responsible office with a clearness of judgment that would have done credit to a much older man, his opinions being popular at all times, having been fair to all, his motto being, "charity to all—no malice." He never sent a man to jail for minor offenses who had a family to support. In politics he is a loyal Republican and has the interests of his party at heart.

Mr. Cooper was happily married February 26, 1900, to Margaret Cushing, a native of Washington, D. C., and at that time a resident of Toledo, Ohio. She is the accomplished and refined daughter of Henry and Mary (Bell) Cushing. Her brother, Digby Bell, was for a number of years collector at the port of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are the parents of one winsome and bright daughter, seven years old in 1908, who bears the name of Sarah Cushing Cooper.

Mr. Cooper in his fraternal relations is a member of the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles and also the college fraternity

Sigma Chi. Because of his genuine worth, which everybody recognizes, his public spirit, pleasing address, integrity and loyalty to all high ideals and principles, he is one of the best known and likable young men in Howard county.

JOSEPH DE ARMOND ROSS.

Joseph De Armond Ross was born in Clay township, Miami county, Indiana, September 30, 1870, the only son of George W. and Elizabeth (Stevenson) Ross who lived to maturity. George W. Ross was the son of Richard De Armond Ross, whose parents were natives of Botetourt county, Virginia. Originally the Ross family came from Scotland, two brothers coming to the United States. One settled in Virginia, the other in North Carolina. Elizabeth Stevenson was the daughter of Joseph Gaskill and Esther Ann (Rogers) Stevenson, who were natives of New Jersey and of a Quaker family, and who, with the Ross family, were early settlers of Miami county, Indiana. The father of the subject was a soldier in the Civil war, serving almost three years in Thirty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was later organized into the Eighth Indiana Volunteer Cavalry and was honorably discharged. His service was mostly served under General Sherman and was in the famous march to the sea. He is now living a retired life in the city of Kokomo, Indiana, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is a Republican in politics.

Our subject first attended the district schools of Clay township, Miami county, Indiana, later attending Normal School, and also taught mathematics therein, after which he entered Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana, the Friends institution, where he pursued a

special course, after which he studied law and spent a year at Dayton, Ohio. In 1891 he came to Howard county, where he has resided ever since. He was admitted to the bar in 1895 and practiced law in connection with the abstract business, in which he was already interested. In 1899 he retired from the abstract and law business and has given his attention mostly to the farm upon which he is now residing, in section 10, township 25, range 4 east, in Howard township. Mr. Ross owns one of the well improved farms of the county, consisting of one hundred and forty acres, all of which is under plow but twenty acres, which is left for a timber reserve and which he guards with zealous care, knowing the value of a timber tract with a farm.

Mr. Ross has been married once and has a son, William De Armond Ross, who was born April 25, 1894, a bright lad, who was graduated from the district schools of Howard township before fourteen years of age, and who is now a student in the high school of Kokomo, and who gives promise of a brilliant career.

In politics our subject is a Republican, but is independent in his voting, supporting men whom he knows to be competent to fill an office. He has held the office of justice of the peace in his township for three terms. He is a public spirited man and always ready to do his part in furthering the interests of his community, where he is highly respected, owing to his uprightness and honorable principles in all his dealings with his fellow men. He is pleasant, sociable and uniformly agreeable.

The ancestors of our subject were in the Revolutionary war. One ancestor, Robert Hanna, was an early settler of Franklin county, Indiana, and was a neighbor and playmate of Thomas Jefferson, in Virginia, and they were life-long friends, keeping friendship alive by correspondence.

EZRA SPENCER HUNT.

A review of the life of the honored and lamented subject of this sketch must of necessity be brief and general in its character. To enter fully into the interesting details of his career touching the struggles of his early manhood and successes of later days would far transcend the limits of this article. He filled a large place in the ranks of the enterprising and public-spirited men of his day and generation and the luster of his deeds and the memories which attach to his name and character form no inconsiderable chapter in the history of the various communities where he did his work and achieved success such as few men attain. Sufficient is submitted, we believe, to prove him entitled to the honorable position he long occupied among the brave and energetic self-made men of Indiana, who by enterprise and unswerving integrity forged to the front despite all opposition and won for the grand old Hoosier commonwealth a place second to none other in the bright constellation comprising the Union of American states. That he did his part nobly and well cannot be gainsaid, and though dead, he yet speaketh in the work which he accomplished and in the many kindly deeds and wholesome influence which not only his friends, but the community as well, prize as a grateful heritage.

Ezra Spencer Hunt was born in Henry county, Indiana, December 13, 1841, the son of Nathan and Caroline (Hosier) Hunt, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Indiana. Nathaniel Hunt came to Indiana in an early day and settled at New Lebanon, Monroe county, where, in addition to working at the carpenter's trade, he taught school and in due time became a man of considerable local prominence in the town and a leader in the carrying out of a number of important enterprises. Later he removed to Henry county, thence about 1844 to the county of Howard, and there he

spent the remainder of his life, dying a number of years ago at a ripe old age, honored and esteemed by all with whom he came into contact. In religion he was a member of the Society of Friends and always lived in harmony with the plain, simple teachings of his faith, besides doing much by his activity and influence to disseminate the truths of the Gospel among his kind. His good wife was a Methodist and sincerely attached to her church, in the faith of which she lived, and it afforded her great satisfaction and consolation in the hour when she exchanged the mortal state for a blissful immortality. Eleven children were born to this couple, their names being as follows: Julia Ann, Rachael, Henry, Madison, Nehsa, Alswida, Jane, David, Exahnia, Sarah and Ezra, the majority of whom have long been sleeping the sleep that knows no waking.

Ezra S. Hunt grew up in his father's shop, and under the latter's direction early developed marked mechanical ability, which he subsequently utilized as a carpenter and builder. Such was his efficiency in the use of tools that at the age of eighteen he planned and erected the largest barn at that time in Howard county, and after its completion the demands for his services were so great that he could by no possible means meet them. He continued his chosen calling with success and financial profit until 1862, when he exchanged his mechanical tools for the death-dealing implements of warfare, enlisting that year in Company G, Eighty-ninth Indiana Infantry, with which he served until transferred the following year to the Third Indiana Artillery, of which he was made quartermaster sergeant. Still later he was promoted first lieutenant, in which capacity he continued until made captain of a company in the First Tennessee Colored Militia, a position he held during the remainder of the war, and in which he rendered valuable service to the cause of the Union in many campaigns and on a number of bloody fields of combat. After receiving an honorable discharge at the close of

the rebellion Mr. Hunt returned to his home in Howard county and resumed his trade, which he prosecuted with encouraging results for several years, the meantime purchasing a threshing outfit, which he operated very successfully in connection with his regular occupation. After devoting seven years to threshing and carpentry he and his brother became partners, operating a planing mill at New London, later removing the plant to Russiaville, where they enlarged it and conducted a very satisfactory business until exchanging the business for a sash, door and furniture factory, which, under the firm name of H. and E. S. Hunt, soon became the leading manufacturing enterprise of the town and one of the most successful of the kind in the county, representing at the time the brothers took possession a capital of sixteen thousand dollars.

The above firm lasted until 1882, when the subject sold his interest in the plant of his brother, and shortly after that date the plant was moved to Kokomo, where the business has since been carried on. He was a member of the Armstrong, Landon & Hunt Company, having charge of the planing mill, until the time of his retirement in 1898. This was by far the most important part of his business career. Some time after making the above sale Mr. Hunt invested his means in real estate, which, increasing in value with each succeeding year, in due time not only placed him in independent circumstances, but made him one of the financially solid and reliable men of Kokomo, to which city he retired about the year 1898. From that time until his death five years later he was not actively identified with any enterprise or business, but devoted his attention wholly to his private interests, which had grown to considerable magnitude and importance the meanwhile. During his years of retirement he kept fully abreast of the times in all matters of public concern, took an active part in promoting the various enterprises which have given Kokomo such a high standing among the

prosperous cities of the state, besides assisting to the extent of his ability in every movement calculated to benefit society and advance the interests of his fellow men. He was always active and influential in religious circles and for a number of years served as trustee of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church of Kokomo, the handsome and imposing temple of worship now used by the congregation, one of the finest specimens of ecclesiastical architecture in Indiana, having been erected after the plans and under his personal supervision. In addition to contracting for this stately edifice he put up many other fine buildings in the city, both public and private, including the Elks' Hall, the new high school building, besides several court houses in different parts of the country, and achieved wide repute as an architect of much more than ordinary ability and skill. For twelve consecutive years he represented his ward in the city council and as a member of that body was untiring in his efforts to promote the interest of the municipality, among the more important measures in which he bore a part being the purchase of the City Park, which was brought about mainly through his influence. He was a lifelong Republican, a tireless worker for his party, and its success in a number of local contests was largely due to his efforts as a wise counselor and judicious leader. While residing in New London he was elected justice of the peace and filled the office so ably and acceptably that much important litigation was brought to his court. His fraternal relations included a long and active membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, an organization he greatly loved, and the principles of which he endeavored to exemplify in all his dealings with his fellow men as well as in his daily walk and conversation.

In the year 1862 Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Mahala Rateliff, of Ohio, and daughter of William and Mary Ann (Pettie) Rateliff, both parents of Ohio birth and highly esteemed by all who

knew them. Mr. Rateliff, a farmer by occupation and for many years a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in 1861. His wife, also a devout and consistent member of the same religious body, departed this life in 1883. The family of this estimable and popular couple consisted of eleven children, namely: John, Mahala, Mary Jane, Sarah, Francis, William, Julia, Caleb, Malinda A., Benjamin F. and Virgil, all deceased except John, Mrs. Hunt and Virgil.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hunt nine children were born, the oldest of whom, a daughter by the name of Eliza, dying in infancy. Mary Caroline, the second of the number, married Lewis Cumberland and is the mother of two offspring, Wallace and Margaret. The third in order of birth is Estella Dell, wife of Cornelius A. Higer, of Kansas City, Missouri, their union being blessed with three sons, Eugene, Cornelius, Jr., and Herbert. Merit William, the next in succession, was an architect of ability and more than local repute, who died at the age of twenty-four while on business for the firm by which employed in the city of Waterbury, Connecticut. He was a member of the Masonic and Pythian orders and a young man of high intellectual attainments and moral standing, and it is said that his untimely taking off was the main cause that hastened the death of his father. He left to mourn his loss not only his family, but a young wife to whom he had not long been wedded and whose name before her marriage was Etta Eynolds. Emma, the fifth of the family, died when a young lady of twenty-four years of age; Lettie died in infancy; Exie became the wife of John Owens and lives on the home place; Elmer died in early life, and Glen, the youngest of the number, was called to the other world at the age of eighteen.

Mr. Hunt was a commendable example of the intelligent, broad-minded American citizen of the time, who made every other consid-

eration secondary to duty and whose life was ever directed and controlled by principles of right and justice. While laboring earnestly to advance his pecuniary interests and provide comfortably for those dependent upon him, he was not unmindful of his duty to the public and his obligations to his fellow men, all of which he discharged with conscientious fidelity and in so doing gained the confidence of his friends and associates and rose to a high place in the esteem of the community. His career, though strenuous, was eminently successful, and against his character and good name no suspicion of wrong-doing or dishonor was ever known to have been uttered. Though modest and unostentatious in manner, seeking the quiet and secluded ways of life rather than the maddening crowd, he was nevertheless widely known and few men could claim as many warm friends or show themselves as worthy of such friendships. On the 15th of May, 1903, the spirit of this excellent, God-fearing man and worthy, enterprising citizen took its everlasting flight, and with its passing there was left a vacancy in the community as well as in his immediate family which time alone can fill. In the true sense of the term he was a good man, just in all of his relations with the world, and the memory of his enterprise and kindly deeds will long remain to add luster to a name which all who knew him delighted to honor.

LUTHER DANA WATERMAN, A. M., M. D.

Devoted to the noble work which his profession implies, the gentleman whose career we essay to briefly outline in the following paragraphs has been faithful and indefatigable in his endeavors and has not only earned the due rewards of his efforts in a temporal way but has also proved himself eminently worthy to exercise the impor-

tant functions of his calling, by reason of his ability, his abiding sympathy and his earnest zeal in behalf of his fellow men. His understanding of the science of medicine was always regarded by those who knew him as being broad and comprehensive, and the profession and the public accord him a distinguished place among the men of this class in Indiana. Although he no longer maintains his place among the active practitioners, having been living in honorable retirement for some time, he retains a firm hold on the confidence and affections of the many families to whom he ministered during the many years of his active practice, having been recognized as one of the distinguished physicians of the state, while thorough original investigation and research and constant study along technical lines kept him well abreast of the notable advance made in theory and practice of both medicine and surgery. His has been a life of earnest and persistent endeavor, such as always brings a true appreciation of the real value of human existence—a condition that must be prolific of good results in all the relations of life. It was his to render to the Union the valiant and loyal service of a true patriot at the time when its integrity was in jeopardy through armed rebellion, and here, as in all other relations of life, he was always found at his post of duty.

Dr. Luther Dana Waterman was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, November 21, 1830, the son of Joseph Aplin and Susan (Dana) Waterman, the former a native of Cornish, New Hampshire, and the latter's birthplace was near Belfry, Ohio. The subject's father was a farmer in his earlier years, but finally became a physician and subsequently a Methodist minister, making a success of each, but becoming especially well known in the last-named calling, having been a great student and an earnest expounder of the Gospel. His maternal great-grandfather was Captain William Dana, who had charge of a company at the Fort of Marietta. His

father died at Oxford, Ohio, at the age of fifty-five years, and his mother passed away in 1837, having died early in life. The former was twice married, and five children were born to him by the first wife, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth.

Doctor Waterman was reared in the Buckeye state and after the death of his mother he went to live with his grandmother at Oxford, Ohio. He was educated in the public schools, having been an ambitious lad from the first, and after finishing the course in these preparatory institutions he entered Miami University; and, while he did not take a degree when he left the school, his record was so clean and praiseworthy and he proved to be such an ardent student that this university later conferred the honorary degree of Master of Arts on him.

After leaving college Dr. Waterman began the study of medicine and in March, 1853, graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. Being poor he taught school during various periods in order to get together enough means to defray his expenses until he could get through school and medical college. After leaving medical college he practiced medicine in Cincinnati for two years, but believing that better opportunities existed for him at Kokomo, then a small town, but as later conditions proved was destined to become a flourishing city, consequently he located here in 1855 and became a partner of Dr. Corydon Richmond. There was much sickness in this locality at that time and he being young took a very active part in alleviating the conditions. The partnership he formed with the gentleman who had already shown his ability as a physician proved to be an unusually strong one, and their office was besieged daily with patients, so that they were kept busy constantly. Our subject rode through swamps and over corduroy roads day and night to the surrounding country. Useless to say that he was eminently successful and soon built up an extensive practice. His fame ex-

tended to outlying districts and he was often called in consultation on serious cases.

When the dark clouds of rebellion hung low over our national horizon and the integrity of the Union was seriously threatened our subject was one of the patriotic sons of the North to offer his valuable services, believing that it was his duty to sever home ties and leave his excellent practice to go to the front, consequently he sought and obtained a commission as surgeon in the Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry from Governor Morton, and served three years and two months in a creditable manner. He was detailed to various sections and saw much hard and exciting service, and was not with his regiment much of the time. During that time he was surgeon of the Eighth Indiana Cavalry and the first division of the Twentieth Army Corps, department of the Cumberland; also surgeon of the Officers' Hospital at Nashville, Tennessee. He also had charge of hospitals at Huntsville, Alabama; Bridgeport and Chattanooga, Tennessee. He had the misfortune to be captured at Harpeth Shoals, Tennessee; and later at Newman, Georgia. Subsequently he spent three weeks in the prison stockade at Macon, Georgia. He was then taken to the work house prison at Charleston, South Carolina and later released near Fort Sumpter.

After the war Dr. Waterman located at Indianapolis and soon began the practice of his profession, in which he continued in a most successful manner until 1893, becoming known as one of the best general practitioners in the city and holding high rank among the medical men of the state. Much to the regret of his numerous patients the doctor retired from active practice in 1893. During the time he was in practice in Indianapolis he was one of the surgeons of the City Hospital for many years and he was one of the incorporators of the Indiana Medical College, in which he ably filled the chair of anatomy from 1869 to 1873 and that of professor of principles from 1875 to 1877; and the high prestige of this institution

is due in some degree to Dr. Waterman's influence and faithful services in its behalf.

In politics our subject was originally a Whig when that party was in power, but when the Republican party became its successor he at once affiliated with the same and has since remained true to its principles. He has always been more or less active in his party's issues, and when John C. Fremont was running for President he made speeches all over Howard county in his behalf and the doctor says that he carried campaign literature and speeches instead of medicine that year.

Dr. Waterman is a man of ardent nature, scrupulously conscientious in all that he says and does and always deeply imbued with the courage of his convictions, and his relations with his fellow men have ever been such as to win and retain their confidence and esteem.

Dr. Waterman published, in 1881, a volume of verse entitled "Phantoms of Life."

