

from there to Taylor county, West Virginia, and purchased a farm of eighty acres. It was partly improved. He lived on this place until 1871 when he sold out and moved to Grafton, West Virginia, where he conducted a hotel until his death in August, 1892. His wife died in August, 1904. They were members of the Catholic church. He was a man who started in life in a small way and by hard work and good management he became well situated before his death. Eight children were born to the subject's parents, namely; Marie, Frank and Mary Ann, all three deceased; Amel, our subject; Victor, who is living in Taylor county, West Virginia, on a farm; John, who is living at the same place, is a butcher; Albert is an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Grafton, West Virginia, having been an engineer on this road for the past thirty years, in 1908; Louisa is living in Grafton, West Virginia.

Our subject had only a limited education. However, he attended the common schools for several terms. He lived at home until he was twenty years old and worked at teaming for several years. He saved his money and in 1872 came to Marion county, Illinois, and located in Carrigan township, where he secured one hundred and twenty acres of land on which he lived, making a success at farming for ten years, when he sold out and moved to Foster township, where he got two hundred acres at first and being thrifty and a good manager, he added to this until now he has a very fine farm of three hundred and sixty acres. It was known as the old Lee place. The subject

built a comfortable, substantial and commodious home, also a convenient barn and in many ways improved the place, making it equal to any in this township; everything about the place shows thrift and prosperity. He carries on general farming with that discretion and foresight that always insures success. He is also considered an excellent judge of live stock and devotes much of his time to stock raising, no small part of his income being derived from this source. No more up-to-date farm is to be found within the borders of Marion county, and no better farmer than Mr. Lucas lives in this locality.

Our subject was happily married March 15, 1870, to Sarah E. Osborne, of Monongahela county, West Virginia. She is the refined and affable daughter of Richard and Elinore (Britt) Osborne. They formerly lived in Pennsylvania, then came to West Virginia and lived there the remainder of their lives. Mr. Osborne was a wheelwright, wagon maker and carpenter. He died in 1881 and his wife passed to her rest in 1851. Mrs. Lucas was their only child. They were known as influential and highly respected people in their community.

To the subject and wife eight children have been born, namely: Theodore Britt, who runs teams and a dray at Cement, Oklahoma; Frank is a farmer in Foster township; Lou married E. Lynch, of Foster township; Mollie is the wife of Isaac Walker, of Patoka township; Annie is the wife of Otis Davidson, of Tonti township; Osborne, Magnes and Millicent are all living at home.

Mr. Lucas served very creditably as a

member of the local school board of Foster township for a period of twenty years, during which the cause of education in this township received an impetus which had never before been known. He has held other minor offices, always with credit. He is a loyal Democrat.

Mr. Lucas deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, having started life a poor man, and he has gained a position of ease and prominence in his community through his own unaided efforts, by hard work, good management and sound common sense which always brings tangible results when properly exercised. Because his industry, his honesty of purpose and his public-spirit and his loyalty to all movements looking to the good of the locality where he lives, he is highly respected by all who know him.

IRA C. MORRIS.

It is a pleasure to investigate the career of a successful, self-made man. Peculiar honor attaches to that individual who, beginning the great struggle of life alone and unaided, gradually overcomes unfavorable environment, removes one by one the obstacles from his pathway to success and by the force of his own individuality succeeds in forging his way to the front and winning for himself a position of esteem and influence among his fellow men. Such is the record, briefly stated, of the popular

citizen of Marion county, Illinois, to a brief synopsis of whose life and character the following paragraphs are devoted, and while yet a young man has shown himself to be able to successfully compete with all classes of men in the business world.

Ira C. Morris was born in Marion county, May 5, 1883, the second son of William and Elizabeth Morris, whose family consisted of six children.

Our subject attended the public schools in his native community where he diligently applied himself and where he made much headway in his studies. He also went one term to Alma College in Marion county. After leaving school he decided that the life of the farmer offered the greatest advantages for a man of his temperament, consequently he soon entered this work and has devoted his time and undivided attention to it ever since with the result that he is today one of the most progressive and substantial of the younger farmers of Kinmundy township, where he owns a fine and highly productive farm of sixty-seven acres.

Our subject was united in marriage to Laura Lewella Lamborn, the pleasant and congenial daughter of I. M. and Margaret Lamborn, both natives of Jasper county, Indiana. The subject's wife was born in Indiana, being a native of Jasper county at Rensselaer, November 28, 1882. Her mother is deceased. Mr. Lamborn is living in Tennessee. Mrs. Morris has three brothers and one sister living, all married with the exception of one of the brothers.

She was educated in the public schools of her native city and her subsequent life has been filled with good deeds to others, being a woman of gracious demeanor and kind hearted to anyone in need.

Two children have been born to our subject and wife, a boy and a girl, namely: Vera L., whose date of birth occurred April 16, 1903; and Billie Morris, Jr., who is four years old, having been born June 20, 1904. They are bright and interesting children, who are receiving ever care and attention possible at the hands of their fond parents.

Our subject is a loyal Democrat in his political affiliations, and while he does not aspire to public office, he takes considerable interest in political matters always casting his vote for whom he deems to be the most honest and best fitted to fill local offices, where the interests of the public must be conserved. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, Kinmundy Lodge No. 398, and is junior deacon in the same. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rosedale Lodge No. 354, at Kinmundy.

THE JENNINGS FAMILY.

This old and well known family has lived so long in America that little of its early history can be learned and it is not positively known from what country the founders of the American branch came, though from the name, the nationality is supposed to be English. Sufficient has been learned,

however, to fix the date of immigration to the colonies at a very early period, inasmuch as several generations have been identified with the settlement and development of different parts of the United States and for over ninety years various representatives of the family have figured prominently in the history of Marion and other counties of Southern Illinois. Israel Jennings, the first ancestor of whom anything definite is known, is supposed to have been a native of Maryland, where his birth occurred about the year 1774. When a youth he went to Mason county, Kentucky, and settled at Maysville, where about 1799 or 1800 he married Miss Mary Waters, of whose nativity or genealogy there is no record. After living in the above state until about 1818, Mr. Jennings moved to Illinois and located six miles southeast of Centralia, the country at that time being almost as nature had made it with only a few sparse settlements long distances apart, the majority of the inhabitants consisting of straggling bands of Indians, whose principal village was near the present site of Walnut Hill. Entering a tract of government land, he at once addressed himself to the task of developing a farm and founding a home in which laudable undertaking he succeeded admirably, for in due time he became not only the leading farmer and stock raiser of his section of the country but also one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Jefferson county, to which this part of the state then belonged. It is a matter of interest to note that his entry was the second

purchase of government land in what is now Marion county, and that it was made in 1819, one year after Illinois became a state. Mrs. Jennings departed this life October 30, 1845, the mother of eight children, whose names are as follows: Israel, Jr., who is survived by eleven children; George, deceased; Charles Waters, deceased, who had a family of eight children; William W.; Elizabeth, who married William Davidson; America, wife of George Davidson; Mary, married Edward White, and Ann, who became the wife of Rufus P. McElwain. All are deceased. William W. died recently at Alvin, Texas. Mr. Jennings was again married, but the second union was without issue. He died August 7, 1860.

For a number of years Israel Jennings held worthy prestige among the prominent citizens of Marion county and took an active and influential part in the development of the country. He was a leader in many enterprises for the social and moral advancement of his fellow men, a liberal contributor to churches and educational institutions and all laudable measures for the good of the community found in him a warm friend and earnest advocate. He early became prominent in public affairs and in 1827 was elected to the lower house of the Legislature, being the third representative from Marion county. He was one of the leading Democrats of the county and his influence as a politician, together with valuable services rendered his party, made him widely known and led to his appointment in 1834 as postmaster at Walnut Hill, which position he held for many years. He was

more than ordinarily successful in business matters and accumulated a handsome fortune, being at one time the largest land owner in the county and one of the only two men in this part of the state to own slaves. A man of strong character, unquestioned integrity and upright Christian principles, he exerted a wholesome influence on all with whom he mingled and his death, which occurred in the year 1860, removed from Marion county one of its leading citizens and prominent men of affairs.

Charles Waters Jennings, third son of Israel and Mary Jennings, was born January 8, 1802, in Mason county, Kentucky, and accompanied his father to Illinois in 1818, settling within a half mile of the latter and like him becoming a successful tiller of the soil. He was married on December 14, 1826, to Maria Wood Davidson, who bore him the following children: Josephus Waters, deceased, who lived near the home of his father; Harriet married B. F. Marshall and died at Salem, Illinois, May 3, 1901; Sarah married Robert D. Noleman, of Centralia, both deceased; Mariah Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of the late Judge Silas L. Bryan, of Marion county, and mother of Hon. William Jennings Bryan; America, deceased, married William C. Stites, then a resident of Marion county; Nancy, wife of Dr. James A. Davenport, lives in Salem; Docie, now Mrs. A. Van Antwerp, lives at St. Louis, Missouri, and Z. C., who is living near the town of Walnut Hill. Charles W. Jennings died August 18, 1872.

Charles Waters Jennings was a man of high standing in the community, successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and his character was ever above the suspicion of reproach. Courteous in his relations with his fellows and the soul of honor in all his dealings, he measured up to a high standard of manhood and citizenship and made the world better by his presence. By good business management he succeeded in amassing a sufficiency of this world's goods to place him in easy circumstances, owning at the time of his death one thousand acres of valuable land, the greater part improved, and the source of a liberal income. He was called from earth on August 18, 1872, his wife following him to the grave April 3d, of the year 1885.

Josephus Waters Jennings, the oldest of the family of Charles W. and Maria W. Jennings, was born on the homestead near Walnut Hill, Marion county, October 29, 1827. He was reared under excellent parental influences, received the best education which the schools during his childhood and youth afforded and while still a young man, engaged in merchandising at Walnut Hill, to which line of trade he devoted his attention with gratifying success until 1856. Disposing of his business that year, he moved to his farm near by and during the ensuing forty-four years followed the life of a tiller of the soil in which pursuit he was also successful as his continued advancement bore witness.

Amanda Couch, whom Mr. Jennings married on the 24th day of November, 1850,

was born in Marion county, Illinois, January 8, 1834, being the daughter of Milton and Nancy (Baird) Couch, early residents of the county and representatives of well known and highly esteemed families. During the three years following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings lived at Walnut Hill, but at the expiration of that time, changed their residence to a farm in section 26, Centralia township, where Mr. Jennings engaged in agriculture and stock raising on quite an extensive scale and met with financial success commensurate with the energy which he displayed in all of his undertakings. He also manifested an active interest in public and political matters and was long one of the leading Democrats and influential politicians of the county, besides achieving much more than local reputation in party circles, throughout the southern part of the state. He served for some years as Associate Judge of Marion county, the duties of which position he discharged very acceptably, also filled the office of Supervisor several terms, and in 1850 was elected Coroner. During the Civil war he was Deputy Collector of internal revenue, later served as Deputy Sheriff and for several years was Justice of the Peace, an office for which his sound sense, well balanced judgment and love of justice peculiarly fitted him. His official career was eminently honorable and he proved an efficient and very popular public servant, adorning every position to which he was called and fully meeting the high expectations of his fellow citizens.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings,

nine in number, are as follows: Mary R., who married I. N. Baldrige, of Walnut Hill; Charles E., who is noticed at some length further on; Frank E., of Centralia; Daisy, deceased, who married O. V. Kell, also of that city; Hon. William S. Jennings, ex-Governor of Florida; Mrs. Nannie D. Stover, Mrs. Eva Shaw and Thomas J. are three living at Walnut Hill, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, whose home is in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mr. Jennings was a man of profound religious convictions and in early life united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he continued a faithful and consistent member to the end of his days. He died November 20, 1890, in the full assurance of a triumphant resurrection. His widow, who lives on the old homestead, has reached the age of seventy-six and retains to a remarkable degree the possession of her powers, both mental and physical. She is one of a family of six children, three are living. Robert Couch, whose home is at Marissa, Illinois, and Porter, who resides at the town of Sparta, this state. Milton Couch, the father, was a son of James and Elizabeth Couch, the former a native of North Carolina and among the early pioneers of southern Illinois.

ALEXANDER W. FISHER.

An illustration of skill as a farmer as well as the ability to concentrate efforts along some special line until success is achieved

in that undertaking is found in the case of our subject, who is not only a successful farmer as that term is understood but has also made a specialty of breeding Poland-China hogs, Mr. Fisher being a standard authority in this remunerative industry.

Alexander W. Fisher was born in Marion county, Illinois, on the 16th of January, 1870, the son of E. A. and Susan (Louis) Fisher, both of whom are among the county's substantial and highly respected citizens. They are members of the Methodist denomination and were the parents of a robust family of eleven children, of whom Alexander was the eight in order of birth. This family circle was one typical of its kind, the tie of kindred fellowship being strong, and the fireside brightened with the light of domestic happiness and harmony.

Our subject received his early education in the Kagy district school, but farm life was also an instrument in his trainings, developing in him that sturdy independence and wholesome self-reliance that has characterized his subsequent career.

On August 6, 1890, Mr. Fisher was married to Nannie H. Stevens, daughter of Le Roy and Mary Stevens, resident of this county. She is the youngest of five children, is a woman of excellent tastes and refined judgment, and is proving to be a most excellent mother. In this latter capacity she has adorned the home with four children, all of whom show the results of uplifting parental influence and affection. The children are: Georgia B., born October 27, 1891; Milton E., born January 9,

1894; Clarence S., born February 16, 1895, and Mamie M., born March 12, 1896; Clarence S. died March 31, 1895.

Mr. Fisher owns and operates a farm of seventy acres, all under cultivation. It impresses the visitor at once as bearing the marks of thrift and industry and shows economy in its management. The Fisher homestead is one where neighbors and friends find at all times a hearty welcome, and is surrounded with an atmosphere of friendliness and sociability.

Mr. Fisher takes an active interest in the general affairs of the community and affiliates with the Democratic party, but has never aspired to political prominence. He is satisfied to discharge his obligations as a citizen by lending his support at the ballot box to such men as will discharge their official duties with the utmost conscientiousness and integrity.

CHARLES EDGAR JENNINGS.

The subject of this sketch has not only gained recognition and prestige as a prominent and successful member of the Marion county bar, but has also kept in touch with all that relates to the material progress and general prosperity of his home city, being known as one of the enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Salem, having contributed both by influence and tangible aid to all legitimate projects which have tended to conserve the best interests of the com-

munity. In the legal circles of Southern Illinois, his reputation is second to none of his contemporaries, indeed there are few lawyers in the state whose success has been so continuous and uninterrupted or who have achieved as high distinction in their profession. Endowed by nature with in active and brilliant mind which has been cultivated and strengthened by much study and discipline, he has made rapid progress in his chosen calling and today he stands admittedly at the head of the bar in the field to which the major part of his practice is confined, besides yielding a commanding influence among the leaders of his profession in other parts of the state.

Charles Edgar Jennings, second child and oldest son of Josephus Waters and Amanda (Couch) Jennings, is a native of Marion county, Illinois, and dates his birth from January 7, 1855. After receiving a preliminary education in the public schools, he entered Irvington Illinois Agricultural College, where he took a scientific course and from which he graduated June 16, 1875, with an honorable record as a diligent and critical student. He taught one term in the public schools, prior to his collegiate course, and after graduating took charge of the school at Walnut Hill, which he had attended in his childhood and youth, meeting with encouraging success as an instructor and disciplinarian and fully satisfying both pupils and patrons.

Having decided to make the legal profession his life work, Mr. Jennings in 1876 became a student of the Union College of

Law, Chicago, Department of North Western University, where he prosecuted his studies and received his degree on June 5, 1878, the diploma from this institution being his passport to admission to the bar by the Supreme Court without further examination. This court being in session at Mount Vernon the month of his graduation, he presented his diploma and was duly admitted to practice, following which he formed a partnership with the late Judge Bryan of Salem, which lasted until the death of the latter in 1880 and which in the meantime became known as one of the strongest and most successful legal firms not only in Marion county, but in Southern Illinois. His license to practice which bears the date of June 11, 1878, was signed by Hon. Sidney Breese, the distinguished pioneer jurist of Illinois, this being among the last official acts in the long and eminently honorable career of this eminent man.

Mr. Jennings was Master in Chancery from 1885 to 1889, resigning the position the latter year to assume his duties as State's Attorney to which office he was elected in 1888 and the duties of which he discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public for a period of twelve years. A pronounced Democrat, he has long been a power in local politics and to him as much as any one man is due the success of his party, in a number of campaigns to say nothing of his influence in contributing to the triumph of the district, state and national tickets. As stated in the beginning Mr. Jennings has kept in close touch

with enterprises and measures, having for their object the material progress and social, intellectual and moral advancement of the city in which he resides. He served a number of years on the local school board, part of the time as president of the body and during his incumbency, labored earnestly to promote an interest in educational matters and advance the standard of the schools of the city in which laudable endeavor his success was most gratifying. Believing knowledge when properly disseminated, to be for the perpetuity of the state and the happiness and best interests of the people, he has been untiring in his efforts in behalf of institutions of learning, especially those of the higher grades, and his advice to young people has been to take advantage of the opportunities which the high school, the college and the university present in the way of preparing for the duties of life and the obligations of citizenship.

Since the death of Judge Bryan, Mr. Jennings has been alone in the practice of law and as already indicated he is now one of the leaders of the bar of Southern Illinois, with a large and lucrative professional business in the courts of his own and neighboring counties. The keynote of his character seems to be an intense and absolute fixity of purpose, a dominating resolve to rise and make his influence felt and in the court as well as the public arena, he has not been content to occupy a second place. He moves in only one direction and that is forward and the success and eminent standing already achieved bespeak still greater ad-

vancement in his profession and higher honors in years to come.

Mr. Jennings has been twice married, the first time on May 5, 1880, to Daisy Martin, youngest child of Gen. James S. Martin, of Salem, the union resulting in the birth of two children; Hazel, and a son that died in infancy. Mrs. Jennings died July 12, 1894, and on June 10th of the year 1903, Mr. Jennings entered the marriage relation with Maude Cunningham, daughter of M. R. Cunningham, of Salem.

Fraternally, Mr. Jennings is a Mason of high degree, having passed all the chairs in the local lodge to which he belongs, besides representing it at different times in the Grand Lodge. He has spent his entire life within the bounds of his native county, has labored hard to reach the high place in professional circles which he now occupies, and in the true sense of the term, he is a self-made man and as such is certainly entitled to the universal esteem in which he is held and the high honors with which his career has been crowned.

GEORGE S. FYFE.

Although the character of the immigrants that come to America today seems to be changing, yet there is not a single doubt but that in years past some of the most sturdy, energetic and progressive people living upon our soil were the ones that come to us from foreign lands. They have brought to us not only the spirit of thrift and en-

durance, but have contributed to the loyal American spirit to a degree which can hardly be overestimated. Among the many worthy of mention in this connection we refer to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Fyfe, of Alma, Illinois. Mr. Fife was born at Dundee, Scotland, January 20, 1820, and his life experiences have been most interesting and varied. He became a machinist by trade, serving as an apprentice in his native town, at the end of which period he went to London, and there followed his trade for two years, but not being fully satisfied with the confinement incident to the work in which he was engaged, he kept alert for an opportunity for a wider experience and this came to him, when he enlisted in the Turkish navy as an engineer. His father, George Fyfe, was a sea captain before him and the son seemed to inherit the father's spirit for a life of travel and adventure. He remained in the Turkish navy for three years and during this time and thereafter he traveled in many countries, spending considerable time in Palestine and Egypt, sailing up the Nile from Alexandria to Cairo, where Moses was born, and where Paul wrote his speech to the Philistines. Here he saw the noble Egyptian obelisk, that famous shaft of stone that lay for centuries prostrate upon the sands, but which was later, at great expense, taken to New York and set up once more to mark the path of the sun by day and at night to point again to the same glittering stars that have studded the clear Egyptian skies since the daybreak of time. Here, also, he stood under the shadows of the pyramids, those wonders of ages past that

have been the marvel of mankind throughout all history.

Mr. Fyfe also had a brother who was a sea captain, now deceased, and another whose home was in Melbourne, Australia.

After coming to America, Mr. Fyfe spent some time in Boston, and it was here that he was married to Miss Hutchinson Spinks, on February 5, 1852. Miss Spinks is also of Scotch descent, having emigrated to America from her native land when sailing vessels were the ones most used for crossing the broad Atlantic. Ten children were born to this union.

When Mr. Fyfe came west he bought mostly prairie land from the Illinois Central Railroad. Mr. Fyfe now has a fine farm to show for his energy and application. Both he and his wife have used good judgment in their work, and Mrs. Fyfe, though seventy-seven years old, has never worn glasses. They belong to the Baptist church, although their parents before them were Scotch Presbyterians. Mr. Fyfe affiliates with the Republican party and through his calm judgment and broad minded experience has done much to advance the cause of good citizenship in the community.

HENRY F. KELCHNER.

When we state in an initiative way that the honored subject of this sketch has resided for fifty-six years in Marion county, having devoted his attention to agricultural

pursuits during that time, the significance of the statement is evident in that it must necessarily imply that he is one of the prosperous farmers of the community.

Henry F. Kelchner was born in Pennsylvania, September 23, 1828, the son of David and Elizabeth (Follmer) Kelchner, who were the parents of four children: Henry, our subject being the second in order of birth. He has one brother and two sisters. Our subject attended the common schools in his native community in the Keystone state, where he received a fairly good education, assisting his father with the work about the place. As already indicated he came to Illinois in 1852, arriving here in the month of June and after working at whatever he could secure that was honorable and remunerative, he married on January 11, 1855, Lucy C. Lovell, and to this union these children were born: Robert B., who married Belle Ritter, and to whom one daughter was born; Eugene married Hattie Samuels, living in Tazewell county, this state, and they are the parents of one daughter; Ida married George Asher and they have seven children; Katie married G. E. Brandeberry, and is the mother of one son; Harvey F. married Clara Millican, the daughter of Filmore and Maggie (Porter) Millican.

Henry F. Kelchner was one of the sturdy and patriotic sons of the North who believed it his duty to do what he could in suppressing the great rebellion, consequently he enlisted at Springfield, Illinois, in September, 1861, in Company K, Thirty-

third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Hovey and Charles E. Lippencott, as captain. His first battle was at Fredericksburg and he took part in many other battles and skirmishes in which this regiment was engaged, always conducting himself as a brave soldier. He was mustered out in Springfield in September, 1864, and as a reward for his faithful services he is remembered by his government with a pension of twenty dollars per month.

Our subject is the owner of a fine and highly improved farm, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, sixty-five acres of which are in cultivation. He carried on general farming, but now in his old age he is leading a practically retired life at the home of his son, Harvey.

Mr. Kelchner has always been a public-spirited man and in 1882 he was nominated on the Union Labor ticket for Circuit Clerk. He has very ably and acceptably filled the offices of Town Clerk, School Director and Township Treasurer.

He votes a mixed ticket, always believing in honesty in politics and preferring to place the best men possible in local and national offices. He is a Prohibitionist at heart, and he believes in a Democratic government. Religiously he is a member of the Christian church.

Although Mr. Kelchner is eighty years old he still has a very bright mind and is well read and keeps abreast of the times. Having during his entire life been closely identified with the interests and development of whatever section of the country he

lived in. By close application to the duties which lay before him, he has won his way into the hearts of the people who know him.

TILMON J. ROGERS.

There can never be aught but appreciation of the services of the men who followed the stars and stripes on the sanguinary battle fields of the South during the most crucial epoch of our national history. One of the honored veterans of the war of the Rebellion, who went forth as representative of Marion county patriotism is the subject of this tribute, who has passed the greater portion of his useful life in this county.

Tilmon J. Rogers was born in Maury county, Tennessee, February 24, 1842, the son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Alderson) Rogers, the former a native of Tennessee, where he was born in 1801. The latter was also born in that state, the date of her birth occurring in 1811. There were ten children in this family, an equal number of boys and girls, our subject being the eighth in order of birth.

Tilmon J. Rogers came with his parents to Marion county, Illinois, when ten years old, in 1852. The family rented a farm and made a good living in the new home.

Our subject drove an ox team to break the ground in this county, and assisted with the farm work until he reached maturity, having gone to school but very little. However he learned to spell, read and write but

he never studied arithmetic a day, but practice in the business world has been his educator and he counts interest and all measurements mentally. His first school was in Tennessee, a subscription school. He has always been a hard worker and is even now a strong man both physically and mentally, keeping well posted on current events and is therefore an interesting conversationalist.

Mr. Rogers was united in marriage in 1866 with Martha C. Clack, daughter of B. B. and Cornelia (Vanduzen) Brown, who were the parents of seven children, six girls and one boy. Mrs. Rogers' mother was born in Edgar county, Illinois, in 1825. Seven children have been born to our subject and wife, three boys and four girls, namely: Emory J., who was married to Lora Keller, is the father of two children, both girls; Laura Stella married Frank Arnold, and they have five children, four of whom are living, three boys and one girl; Vantoliver married Luella Stevens, and they have one son; Henry O. married first Leona Arnold, by whom he has one daughter; his second marriage was to Edith Southward and one daughter has also been born to this union; Martha C. married John Davis; Nellie E. married Luther Beard and they are the parents of two sons; Bessie T. died at the age of eleven years. These children all received fairly good common school educations and are comfortably situated in reference to this world's affairs.

Tilmon J. Rogers was one of the patriotic citizens of the fair North who believed that it was his duty and privilege to offer his

services and life, if need be, in defence of his country's integrity, which was threatened during the dark days of the sixties, consequently he enlisted August 14, 1862, in Company E, One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under J. M. Martin, and was in the service nearly three years, having taken part in many a hard-fought battle, being wounded at Resaca, Georgia, May 14, 1864, having been struck in the right arm by a musket ball which took effect near the shoulder. He was in the hospital but a short time as a result of this wound. He was in a number of engagements while in Sherman's march from Atlanta to the sea. He was discharged June 28, 1865, at Washington City, after which he went to Springfield, Illinois, where he received his pay, then he came back to Marion county and took up farming, at which he has prospered ever since.

In politics Mr. Rogers is a loyal advocate of the principles fostered by the Democratic party, and while he has never found time to take much interest in active political affairs his vote is always cast for the men whom he believes will best serve the public interests. In religious matters his parents were Missionary Baptists on his mother's side. Personally Mr. Rogers adheres to the principles of good citizenship and believes in attending strictly to his own affairs.

He owns a valuable and highly improved farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, having lived on the same since the fall of 1867, and during his lapse of years he has seen this county undergo great changes.

ORVILLE T. WALTON.

The subject of this sketch has passed his life in Marion county, and as a representative of one of the honored families early settled in this section he is well entitled to representation in this volume.

Orville T. Walton was born in Patoka township, Marion county, November 6, 1868, the son of Iradell and Louisa (Foster) Walton, both natives of Illinois. They lived mostly in Patoka and Foster townships, having come to the latter in 1869 and settled in section 19. He first purchased sixty acres and later sixty acres more were added and then another sixty acres, still later, forty-eight acres, all in Foster township and twenty acres in Patoka township, having always been a farmer, well known and highly respected by all; an active Democrat, having served as Town Clerk and Treasurer, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred April 17, 1897, and his wife passed to her rest April 27, 1900. The subject's grandfather and grandmother Walton both died of cholera in 1849. Iradell Walton and wife were the parents of eleven children, namely: Monroe, a farmer in Foster township, who married Harriet Friend, the latter dying January, 1908; Rosie Maud, now deceased, married Arthur Irvin; Rachel married Marshall Livesay, of Foley, Missouri; Lillian married Thomas Bundy, of Fayette county, Illinois; Orville T., our subject; Effie married Leonard Arnold, of Foster township; Abbie is the wife of David

M. Giddeon, of Slater, Missouri; William A., who married Annie Crouse, of Patoka, this county; Edna is the wife of Charles Meadows, of Patoka; Della is a nurse, living in Foster township; Robert lives on the old home place in Foster township and married Lizzie Ballance.

The subject of this sketch had only a limited education, attending the home schools for a short time. He remained a member of the family circle until he was twenty-three years old.

Orville T. Walton was united in marriage March 17, 1891, with Florence Chance, of Foster township, daughter of Willis J. and Matilda (Foster) Chance. They were both born in Marion county and lived in Foster township. They are farmers and have four children, namely: Florence, the subject's wife; Mary, the wife of Eli Logan, of Patoka township; Elza is a traveling salesman with headquarters at Clay Center, Kansas; John is living at home.

The subject and wife are the parents of two sons, Charles Addis, born December 27, 1895, and Kenneth O., born March 31, 1899.

After the subject's marriage he located on the George McHenry place in Foster township, where he remained for one year, also one year on the Chance place and one on the Foster place. He then bought forty acres in section 18, the J. H. Walker place, where he lived for five years and then moved to Harvey, Illinois, where he lived two years, when he moved back to Foster township in the fall of 1907, locating where

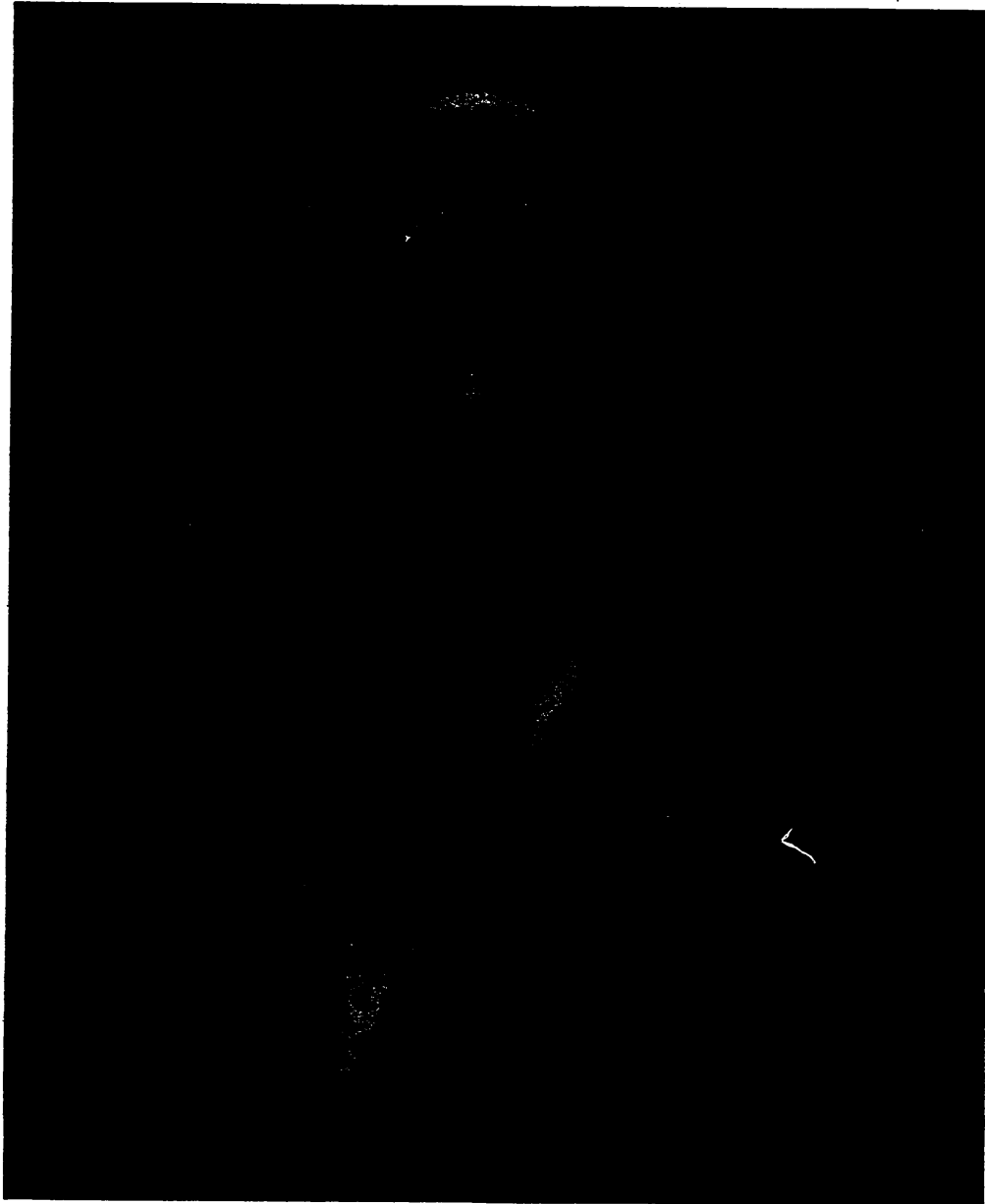
he now lives. He bought the John Chick place, consisting of forty acres. He was always a hard worker and thrifty, consequently he has been enabled to add on to his place until he now has ninety acres of as good land as can be found in this locality, which is well improved and managed so that abundant harvests are reaped from year to year. He raises good horses, cattle and hogs and carries on a general farming business. He has a comfortable dwelling and convenient out buildings. He has always been a public-spirited man and has ably served as school director and Town Clerk. He is a loyal Democrat and a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is regarded by his neighbors as among the leading young farmers of Foster township.

PROF. J. H. G. BRINKERHOFF.

The biographer in writing of the representative citizens of Marion county, Illinois, has found no subject worthier of representation in a work of the province of the one at hand than Professor Brinkerhoff, author of the historical portion of this history, who is known as a man of high attainments, and practical ability, as one who has achieved success in his profession principally because he has worked for it. His prestige in the educational circles of this locality stands in evidence of his ability and likewise stands as a voucher for intrinsic worth of character. He has used his intellect to the best

purpose, has directed his energies in legitimate channels, and his career has been based upon the wise assumption that nothing save industry, perseverance, sturdy integrity and fidelity to duty will lead to success. The profession of teaching which our subject has made his principal life work offers no opportunities to the slothful, only to such determined spirits as that of Mr. Brinkerhoff. It is an arduous, exacting, discouraging profession to one who is unwilling to subordinate other interests to its demands, but to the true and earnest devotee it offers a sphere of action whose attractions are equal to any and whose rewards are unstinted. That the subject possesses the qualities enumerated is undoubted owing to the success he has achieved and the high regard in which he is held by all who know him.

Prof. J. H. G. Brinkerhoff was born December 14, 1844, in Hackensack, New Jersey, and he came to Illinois with his father in 1852, who settled in Grandview, Edgar county, where the subject's father established a plow and wagon shop, which he conducted for four years. In 1856 his father moved on a farm where young Brinkerhoff was inured to the hard work of the farm on that day. He was educated in the common schools of those early days when opportunities for higher learning were limited. Being desirous of making the most of his life work, he later attended Steele's Academy and the Kansas high school, also the Indiana State Normal School. He decided to take up the profession of law and



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subsequently entered McKendree College and received the degree of Bachelor of Law from that institution, but believing that teaching was best suited to his tastes he accordingly began that line of work in 1864 and he followed that profession with unabated success for a period of thirty years, becoming known as one of the ablest educators of this section of the state. During that long stretch of continuous service he never lost a day on account of sickness. For ten years he was at the head of the city schools in Lebanon, Illinois, and for the same length of time held the same position in Salem. Owing to his high educational attainments, his close application to duty and his native ability in this line of work, he was a favorite with both pupils and their parents and his services were always in great demand.

Professor Brinkerhoff was united in marriage with Amanda S. Clark at Mascoutah, St. Clair county, Illinois, in 1873. She is a representative of a well known and influential family of that county. To this union seven children have been born, four sons and three daughters, one daughter dying in infancy. The other six are all living in Salem.

In 1878 our subject united with the Christian church and he has for many years preached the Gospel of Christ, as occasion permitted.

Professor Brinkerhoff is a descendant of sterling old Knickerbocker Dutch stock, the founder of the family having settled in Long Island in 1632, and in 1685 he re-

moved to a farm on the Hackensack river in New Jersey, which farm remained in possession of the family until after the Revolutionary war. The paternal great-grandfather of the subject was a lieutenant in the New Jersey Continentals and he was in active service during the war except for a period of eighteen months when he was a prisoner of war on the Jersey prison ship in the East river, from which he finally escaped by jumping overboard and swimming to the New York side of the river. The family have always been patriotic, law-abiding and firm believers in the right of man to govern himself.

HENRY C. FOSTER.

Among the sturdy and enterprising farmers of Foster township, Marion county, is the gentleman whose name appears above, whose life has been one of industry and strict adherence to honorable principles, which has resulted in gaining a comfortable living and at the same time winning the respect of his fellow men.

Henry C. Foster was born in Clinton county, Illinois, January 29, 1842, the son of William Henry and Nancy (Lowe) Foster, the former of Georgia and the latter of Tennessee. William Henry Lowe came as a boy with his parents to Illinois and located in Clinton county, where they were among the early pioneers. They later came to Foster township, Marion county, and

purchased wild land and made extensive improvements on the same. The subject's father grew up in Foster township and received only a limited education, having scarcely any chance to attend school. He married here and lived at the old homestead. Although he at one time conducted a store, he devoted his life to farming pursuits. He was a Republican but never aspired to office. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The following children were born to them: William, deceased, married Pyrena Nichols; John was in Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, who lived in Clinton county, Illinois, after the war until his death; Jane, who married David Nichols, of Foster township, the former is now deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, married David Nichols, of Foster township; Andrew J. was in Company F, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, having served four years and four months, who located in Kinmundy after the war, where he has since resided; Henry C., our subject; Irwin W., a farmer of Labette county, Kansas, who was in the Union army during the Civil war; Winfield Scott is single and living in Foster township.

The subject of this sketch had little chance of attending school. He lived at home until he reached the age of twenty-one years. On September 30, 1869, he married Cynthia A. Garrett, of Foster township, and a daughter of Moses and Hannah (Morris) Garrett, both natives of Georgia. They were pioneers of Foster township, this county, where they devoted their lives to

farming. Four children have been born to the subject and wife, namely: Charles H., who has always lived at home; Nola married S. Williams, of Foster township, and they are the parents of two children, Flossie and Relzia; Fannie C. married Jake Thomas, of Foster township, and they are the parents of five children, namely: James, Carrie, Nona, Eva and Van; James Emery, the subject's youngest child, is living in Foster township. He married Maude Holland, of Patoka, and they have three children: Basel, Waneta, deceased, and Harrell.

One of the patriotic men of this state who felt it his duty to offer his services in defense of the flag was the subject of this sketch, who enlisted in Company F, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, at Camp Butler, where they drilled for awhile, after which they were sent to Nashville, Tennessee. The subject was in the second battle of Corinth. He was on an eight hundred mile march from Lagrange, Tennessee, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which took sixteen days, having been in many skirmishes all along the march. He was taken sick and went home on sixty days' furlough. He rejoined his company at Germantown, Tennessee, and went up the Mississippi river and was in Tennessee until the close of the war. He was sick a great deal and his eyes were affected, having lost the sight in the left one. He was discharged November 9, 1865, at Springfield, Illinois, after gallantly serving in the Union ranks. After the war he located in Foster township, and in 1878

bought the farm where he now lives, this having been his home since that time. The place consists of one hundred acres in section 23. He has made all the improvements, his farm now ranking with any in the township. He has always been considered a first class farmer. He has a substantial and comfortable residence and everything about his place shows good management. He is a Republican in politics. He ably served as School Director for many years. He is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JONATHAN A. GREEN.

The subject of this biography has always been an honest and hard-working man, and the success that crowns his efforts is well merited. He is liberal and public-spirited, well known and highly respected in the community which has been his home all his life.

Jonathan A. Green was born in Foster township, Marion county, Illinois, August 13, 1867, the son of Monroe Green, who was the son of Jonathan Green, of Tennessee. He came to Marion county, this state, in an early day and secured government land, locating in Foster township. He cleared the land and made a home here, having always been a farmer. Monroe Green was also a farmer all his life. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and a Democrat; was well known and highly respected. He was a soldier in the Civil war, having been a

member of Company D, One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His first wife was the mother of four children, namely: Jonathan A., our subject; Cyrus, a farmer in Foster township, this county; Anna, who married Elmer Arnold, of Foster township; Jennie, who married Samuel Arnold, is deceased; Eliza (Jones) Green was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Jones. They were early settlers in Marion county, Illinois.

Jonathan A. Green was educated in the local public schools, having been raised on his father's farm, where he remained until he was married December 31, 1885, to Anna Chick, a native of Ohio, the daughter of John and Lucinda (Carter) Chick, of the Buckeye state, who came to Illinois in 1875 where the former died.

Four children have been born to the subject and wife, namely; Ora, Ola May, John and Dowe.

After the subject's marriage he purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres in Foster township, which was partly improved. The subject has made many important changes on the place, which now ranks among the best in the township, being very productive and producing excellent crops from year to year through the skillful management of Mr. Green, who is regarded as one of the best farmers in a general way in the community.

Mr. Green has faithfully served his township as Supervisor for two terms and has always taken a great deal of interest in politics, having held many minor local offices.

Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Vernon, Illinois, and was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is well informed on current topics and he is widely known and liked in Foster and adjoining townships or wherever his acquaintance extends.

FRANCIS M. ROBB.

One of the influential citizens of Foster township, Marion county, is the gentleman to whose career attention is now directed, and it may be said that the agricultural interests of the county have few if any more able representatives.

Francis M. Robb was born in Kinmundy township, Marion county, Illinois, the present site of the village of Kinmundy, September 22, 1847, the son of Samuel and Agnes (Pruitt) Robb, the former of Tennessee and the latter of Virginia. Samuel was the son of Eli Robb, a native of Tennessee, who came to Marion county, Illinois, in 1820 and settled where Kinmundy now stands. He secured land which he converted into a valuable farm and made a comfortable home here, where he died in 1854 of cholera. He was one of the pioneers of this county. He was a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Samuel Robb, the father of the subject of this sketch, was twelve years old when his father, Eli Robb, came to this county, the former receiving only a limited educa-

tion and lived the rest of his life on a farm in this county, owning a large tract of land, and he was a stock dealer. He was a strong Democrat and was well known throughout the county, and his death occurred in 1881. The subject's mother, Agnes (Pruitt) Robb, was the daughter of Robert and Martha Pruitt, who came to Marion county in a very early day, about 1812, settling in what is now Meacham township, where they got government land, but later went to Missouri. Samuel Robb and wife were the parents of nine children, namely: Francis M., our subject; Martha, deceased; William, deceased; Permelia; Eli, deceased; Robert, Mary, Edwin, and an infant, both deceased.

The subject has spent all of his life in Marion county, where he received only a limited education. He has always been a farmer and is considered one of the best in the township by his neighbors. He first got government land in Kinmundy township, and in 1882 moved to Foster township, where he now lives and owns two hundred and forty acres on which he has made all the improvements and which he has developed into a very fine farm, being well fenced, and the crops have been so skillfully rotated that the original richness of the soil has been retained. He has a substantial and pleasant home, a convenient barn and many good out buildings.

Mr. Robb was united in marriage in 1867 with Julia Lowe at St. Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Arnold) Lowe, both now deceased. They were natives of Tennessee, having come to Marion

county, Illinois, at an early date, locating on a farm in Foster township.

Eight children have been born to the subject and wife, named in order of birth as follows: Hattie, the wife of J. Arnold; Della, the wife of Charles Doolen; Margaret; Agnes, the wife of Emmet Jones; Emma the wife of Guy Arnold; Lulu, the wife of Frank Jones; Ella, who died in infancy; Eli, who married Josie Ballance, a farmer.

The subject and wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The subject is a loyal Democrat, and was Supervisor of this township for two terms. He has also held other minor local offices. He is a faithful member of the Masonic lodge at Kinmundy.

Mr. Robb is honest in all his dealings with his fellow man and public-spirited, and he has many friends in Marion county.

JAMES McNICOL.

The subject of this sketch is a member of that sturdy citizenship from the lands of hills and heather, bonny Scotland, from which rugged country so many hardy sons have gone forth to bless humanity in various ways, and he is in every way typical of those whose lives benefit all with whom they come in contact.

James McNicol was born on the Isle of Arran, Scotland, in March, 1847, the son of Archibald and Anna (McBride) McNicol, both natives of Arran, as was also the

grandparents of the subject. The ancestors of our subject were farmers. Archibald McNicol and family came to America in the early sixties on the steamship Caledonia. They landed in New York City and then went to St. Louis county, Illinois, where Alexander McBride, the brother of Mrs. McNicol, lived. The father of the subject rented land there for a while, and then came to Marion county, Illinois, where he bought land two miles west of Patoka. This place was wild and consisted of one hundred and sixty acres. He later went back to St. Louis county, where he remained several years, after which he went to North Dakota where he secured government land in Benson county, living there for a period of eight years, when he sold out and went to Pierce county, Washington, where he lived with his children until his death in 1897. His wife died in 1896.

They were the parents of five sons and two daughters, namely: May is living in Buckley, Pierce county, Washington; Mag-Buckley, Pierce county, Washington, as does also Alexander, who is a merchant; John, the fourth child, married Mary Hulsey, and he is in partnership with his brother in a store at Buckley, Washington; William who was a mill man at Buckley, Washington, was killed in 1900; Archie died at Patoka; James, the subject of this sketch and Alexander are twins and the third and fourth members of the family.

Mr. McNicol, our subject, received only a limited schooling and he remained at home until his marriage in the fall of 1865,

to Ella J. Simcox, a native of Kentucky, the daughter of W. K. and Agnes Rebecca Simcox, natives of Kentucky. They came to Marion county, Illinois, in about 1866, and settled in Patoka township. The subject's wife passed to her rest April 6, 1902. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McNicol, one of whom is deceased. They are: William, a farmer in Foster township, who married Lola Caldwell; Archibald, who has remained single, is a ranchman in Montana; Mary is the wife of C. H. Arnold of Sterling, Colorado; Jessie is the wife of Luther Caldwell, of Foster township; Agnes is the wife of Cyrus E. Arnold, of Foster township; Maggie is living at home, as are also James and Warren; Ruth is deceased.

After his marriage the subject located in Foster township, Marion county, where he has since resided, having purchased land here. In 1876 he went to Benson county, North Dakota, and took up one hundred and sixty acres of government land, where he remained for six years, engaged in farming and stock raising, which he made a success. He sold out there and returned to Foster township, this county, where he purchased land, now owning an excellent farm of three hundred and fifty-nine acres, all in Foster township. It is under a high state of improvement and is regarded as one of the model farms of Marion county, being in every way in first class condition and showing that a man of rare soundness of judgment and business ability has managed it. He raises abundant crops of corn, wheat,

hay and oats. No small part of his income is derived from live stock, for he is a most excellent judge of stock and some fine varieties of Poland China hogs and Red Poland cattle are to be found about the place. He carries on a general farming business with that rare discretion which always insures success.

While our subject has never aspired to office he has held several local public positions. He is an independent voter, preferring to cast his ballot for the man he believes will best serve the public, rather than for the party. He is a faithful member of the Christian church of Patoka. Mr. McNicol's life has been one of industry, scrupulous honesty and integrity.

ALBERT G. PORTER.

Among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Marion county, Illinois, is the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this ketch, who has engaged in various lines of business activity in this county and is known as one of the leading liverymen of the locality, at present managing an extensive livery stable in Kinmundy, while he maintains a fine home there, and the years of his residence has but served to strengthen the feeling of confidence of his fellow citizens. Although yet a young man, scarcely one-third of the years usually allotted to human life having passed over him, our subject has shown what a rightly directed prin-

ciple, coupled with honesty and integrity, can do toward winning definite success.

Albert G. Porter was born in this county October 14, 1880, the son of Emmett D. and Rachael (Henry) Porter, the father a native of Ohio, and the mother of Illinois. There were seven children in this family, all of whom lived to maturity. The father of the subject was a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war and after being mustered out returned to Ohio and soon thereafter came to Fayette county, Illinois, and after remaining there for a time came to Marion county. He engaged in the hardware business while living in Fayette county and when he came to Marion county, he went into the livery business and after managing the same for about two years he sold out and became agent for a marble works establishment. Later he handled fire insurance and became adjuster of claims, holding his position, official and otherwise, until his death, having faithfully served the company to the entire satisfaction of all its members for a period of thirty years, which is a sure criterion of his ability and integrity. He was fifty-six years old at the time of his death. The mother of the subject, a woman of many beautiful traits of character, is still living in 1908, at the age of fifty-nine years. There were four children in this family, all of them reaching maturity and all but one are married and have families. They are Harry E., who is at the time of this writing thirty-six years old, and a traveling salesman; he is married and has one child. Charles H., the second child of

the parents of the subject, was in business in the city of Chicago. He is now in the fruit and poultry business at Los Angeles, California, having made a pronounced success of this business from the first. One sister, Nellie, is now the wife of Gus Elbow, of Oklahoma City, and the mother of one child. Her husband is an attorney. Our subject was the fourth child in order of birth. He attended the common schools in Kinmundy, until he was nineteen years of age, and received a fairly good education, which has since been greatly strengthened by home study and by coming in contact with the world. He also attended a business college in Centralia, Illinois, after leaving the public schools and thereby received a good business education. He also read medicine for one year, and then attended to various matters until 1908, when he opened up a livery business in Kinmundy, which he is at present conducting, having built up an extensive business.

Our subject was united in marriage on March 3, 1907, to Maud L. West, a native of this county, and the daughter of Charles H. and Rosa (Dillon) West. Mr. West is a native of Indiana. He was a farmer and stock raiser, having made the raising of Hereford cattle a specialty for a number of years, but is now living in honorable retirement, making his home in Kinmundy, having sold his principal farm, but he still owns several orchard farms, consisting of hundreds of acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter have one infant son. They own their nicely furnished home. The

mother of the subject also owns her home and is living by herself. Mr. Porter is a young man to whom the future holds out much of promise, being industrious, quick to grasp an opportunity, and it would be hard to find among the younger generation of business men in Marion county, a worthier subject than he.

GUSTIN L. EAGAN.

The family of which the subject of this sketch is an honored representative has been known in Marion county since the pioneer period and the record they have made has been one of which Mr. Eagan can justly be proud, for his ancestors left a priceless heritage to their posterity, the memory of names and deeds which time can neither obliterate nor dim.

Gustin L. Eagan was born in Marion county, Illinois, in 1857, the son of Henry and Margaret (Hatten) Eagan. Grandfather Isaac Eagan, who was born in Tennessee, came to Illinois, settling in Kinmundy, when a young man. He drove a stage coach through Salem and to the south, and later became a farmer and lived until about the age of seventy-five years. He was the father of nine children, eight of whom lived to be men and women. His wife was also about seventy-five years old when she was called to her rest. They were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Grandfather donated ground for the local

church in Kinmundy, the deed having been made to the trustee of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and their successors, for the use of this denomination. The Presbyterians are now seeking to take the property from the hands of the original grantees to be used by the Presbyterian church. Grandfather Eagan was a Democrat, a man of industry, leaving considerable property of value which reverted to his heirs.

Grandfather Hatten was a native of North Carolina and lived and died in that state. Grandmother Hatten moved to Marion county, this state, where she settled, after her husband's death. She lived to be about sixty-five years old. There were four children in the Hatten family, one of them becoming a soldier in the Civil war, having served in an Illinois regiment, serving out his time and receiving an honorable discharge.

The subject's father was born in Marion county and always lived here. He was a wagon-maker, also manufactured plows, for many years making all the wagons and plows used in this part of the country, following his trade periodically all his life, also owned a small farm. He was called from his earthly labors when forty-eight years old, the subject's mother being only a year older than her husband when she was called to the spirit land. They were Cumberland Presbyterians, and were the parents of ten children, eight of whom lived to maturity. Henry Eagan was a Democrat in his political beliefs.

Gustin L. Eagan, our subject, was educated in the public schools, which he left when eighteen years old, and began the blacksmith's trade. Following in the footsteps of his father, he soon became a very skilled artisan and upheld the high reputation for first class work that his worthy father had so long borne. At this writing, Mr. Eagan is proprietor of the Hotel Eagan, one of the most popular and convenient places for the accommodation of transients to the city that can be found in the county, being known as a place of home-like comfort, and where courteous treatment is extended to all. As a result of these facts this house has become widely known to the traveling public, and Mr. Eagan enjoys a liberal patronage. Besides this line of business he still successfully conducts his blacksmith shop, enjoying, as usual, a liberal patronage from Kinmundy and surrounding country. He has been able to lay by a comfortable competency for his old age.

Mr. Eagan was united in marriage in 1889 to Jennie Darney, a native of Ohio, whose father died in Illinois, after which event the mother of Mrs. Eagan moved back to Ohio, where she died. Mr. Darney came to America from France. He was a soldier, having seen service in the Franco-German war. The family of our subject and wife consists of four interesting children, named as follows: Beulah, who was born in 1891, is the wife of F. H. Spillman, and the mother of one child; Mascelline, who was born in 1893, graduated from the

local schools in 1907; Lawrence was born in 1895, and is living at home; Henry was born in 1897, died in infancy.

In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and faithfully served as Alderman for a number of years. He has also been Trustee, Collector and Supervisor. Mr. Eagan was Mayor of Kinmundy from 1906 to 1908. In all these official capacities he discharged his duties with great credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is held in high favor by the people of Marion county, where he is well known and where he labors for the advancement of the general good.

SEYMOUR ANDREWS.

Nearly a century has dissolved in the mists of time, the most remarkable century in all of the history of the race of mankind, since our honored and venerable subject first saw the light of day. Heaven has bounteously lengthened out his life until he has seen the crowning glory of this the most wonderful epoch of all the aeons of time, rewarding him with an unusual span of years as the result of virtuous and consistent living in his youth and years of his manhood, until now in the golden evening of his life, surrounded by comfort and plenty as a result of his earlier years of industry and frugality, Mr. Andrews can take a ret-

rospective glance down the corridors of the relentless and irrevocable past and feel that his has been an eminently useful, successful and happy life, a life which was not devoid of obstacle and whose rose held many a thorn, but with indomitable courage he pressed onward with his face set in determination toward the distant goal which he has so grandly won; a life of sunshine and shadow, of victory and defeat, but nobly lived and worthily rewarded as such lives always are by the Giver of all good and precious gifts, who has given our subject the longest span of years of any citizen in Marion county, Illinois, a great gift, indeed, of which Mr. Andrews is duly grateful. He was one of the hardy pioneers, a member of the famous band of "forty-niners" who crossed the trackless plains that stretched to the "sundown seas," whose courageous feats have been sung in song and exploited in story, for "there were giants in those days."

Seymour Andrews was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, January 17, 1825, the son of Nelson and Jane (Gaston) Andrews, the former a native of Oneida county, New York, where he was born in 1799. There were ten children in his family, an equal number of boys and girls, of whom our subject is the oldest in order of birth. The subject's mother, who was born in South Carolina, was one of a family of eight children. Nelson Andrews came west with his parents in 1819, and settled in Jefferson county, Illinois. They built a raft in Olean, New York, constructed a

rude cabin on it and floated down the Monongahela river to Cincinnati. This was in 1818. They stopped and made shingles and sold timber and rafts. They made a flat boat there and floated to Shawneetown, where they hitched their two ponies onto a large wagon and drove to the vicinity of what is now known as Dix, Jefferson county. Arra Andrews, brother of Nelson Andrews, who is the father of Seymour Andrews, made the first plat of Salem and surveyed it. Jane Gaston's father, Samuel Gaston, the grandfather of Seymour Andrews, was one of the first commissioners appointed by the government to locate the county seat of Clinton county, which is Carlyle, Illinois.

During the days of Nelson and Jane Andrews a company of Rangers visited this part of the state between the years 1820 and 1825. They drove out the Goings family from Jefferson county by whip. Members of this family were said to be noted counterfeiters, horse thieves and harbored all such people at their home near that of Samuel Gaston, the maternal grandfather of our subject.

Seymour Andrews was married to Martha C. Hendrixon, of Jefferson county, Illinois, August 15, 1844, and they are now, 1908, the oldest married couple in this county, having enjoyed a harmonious wedded life of over sixty-four years; they are both in fairly good health and enjoying a serene and comfortable old age. The following children were born to them: Harvey T., deceased; Elizabeth J., deceased, married John Morsman and had one son, Charles, a

dentist in Minnesota; Truman B. married Amanda McClellan and has three children, all married; Sidney W. married Belle Mathews and is living in Arkansas, where he is postmaster at Walnut Ridge, and is the father of two children; Margaret married G. J. Goetch, of Centralia, Illinois, and she is the mother of two children; Ida L. married T. L. Baltzell, who lives in Los Angeles, California; Altha married G. C. Matsler, of Centralia, and lives with her parents, her husband being a telegraph operator on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; the eighth and ninth children both died in infancy.

As already indicated Mr. Andrews crossed the plains to California before the days of the trans-continental railways. This was in 1850 and the trip was made with an ox team, in company with John Parkinson, James Parkinson and Preston McCullough. They left Walnut Hill April 3, 1850, with four yoke of oxen and arrived in California after much hardship and adventure August 10th, the same year, having been on the road over four months. They wintered four miles from the famous Sutter mill and crossed the old ditch where gold was first discovered many times.

Having been a hard worker and an industrious man all his life, Mr. Andrews always made a comfortable living and was enabled to lay up a competency to insure his old age free from want. He has faithfully and ably served his community as Justice of the Peace for the past sixteen years. He is also a notary public and handles a successful line of fire insurance.

The parents of the subject belonged to the Christian church, but our subject is not a member of any orthodox church. However, he is a believer in the principles of the golden rule and in good to all men. In politics he cast his first Democratic ballots in 1848 and 1852, but upon the organization of the Republican party became a staunch supporter of the same and has always maintained the same political faith.

SAMUEL L. DWIGHT.

One of the central figures of the judiciary of southern Illinois is the honorable gentleman whose name forms the subject of this review. 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 highly esteemed man in Marion county, which he has long dignified with his citizenship.

Samuel L. Dwight was born March 15, 1841, at Mount Vernon, Jefferson county, Illinois, the son of Lewis and Mahala Pennington (Casey) Dwight. The subject's mother was the daughter of Governor Zadoc Casey, of Illinois. She was born while her father was a member of the Legislature at Vandalia, capitol of Illinois at that time. He originated the bill to create the county of Marion, naming the same after his father's Revolutionary commander, Francis

Marion, of historic fame. Lewis Dwight was born in Massachusetts and educated in that state. However, he graduated at Yale University, after which he came to Jefferson county, Illinois, and taught school for a number of years. He died at the age of seventy years, after a very useful and active life. Samuel L. Dwight was reared with the family of Governor Casey and was educated in the public schools of Mount Vernon, Illinois, having taken one year's course of study at McKendree College. Being ambitious from the first, he applied himself in a most diligent manner to his studies and became well educated. Early deciding to enter the law as a profession, he began the study of the same with Tanner and Casey at Mount Vernon. But when our national horizon was darkened with the clouds of rebellion in the early sixties our subject left Blackstone behind, severed home ties and offered his services in defense of his country's integrity, having enlisted in Company I, Sixtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and so gallant were his services that he was mustered out at the close of the war as captain of the same company. He served one and one-half years, having taken part in many engagements and faithfully performing what service he could.

After his career in the army Mr. Dwight, in July, 1866, left the farm at Mount Vernon, Illinois, and resumed the study of law, this time under his uncle, Colonel Lewis F. Casey, who had married an aunt of Samuel E. Dwight, and the daughter of Governor Casey.

Our subject was admitted to the bar in 1868, and he entered into partnership with Colonel Casey, with whom he continued in a most successful manner until the death of Colonel Casey early in the eighties, the prestige of this firm having gradually grown until their practice was equal to that of any other firm in the county.

In 1870 Samuel L. Dwight was elected a member of the lower house of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly and served to the entire satisfaction of his constituents for one term. After the death of his former law partner he carried on the business of the firm successfully, practicing law in all the local courts until 1897, when he was elected to the bench of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, and so faithfully did he discharge the duties of the same that he was re-elected to the office in 1903 for another term of six years, and is, therefore, at this writing, 1908, still holding the position. His tenure of office has been marked by a remarkable clearness of decision and fairness to all parties, his decisions having seldom met with disapproval at the hands of a higher tribunal, for he 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 litigants and earning for himself an honorable reputation among the leading jurists of the state. From the first his labors were very arduous and many

important cases were tried in his court, in addition to which he was also frequently called to other circuits to sit on cases in which larger interests were involved.

The happy and harmonious domestic life of Judge Dwight dates from September 4, 1872, when he was married to M. Irene Noleman, the cultured and accomplished daughter of Capt. R. D. Noleman and Sarah A. Jennings, the mother of Mrs. Dwight having been the daughter of Charles W. Jennings. R. D. Noleman was for many years a leading citizen and business man of Centralia.

Fraternally Judge Dwight is a member of the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Modern Woodmen. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their beautiful home is frequently the gathering place for numerous friends and admirers of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight.

Judge S. L. Dwight is ready at all times to make any reasonable sacrifice for the cause in which his interests are enlisted. 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 liberal fees which he could otherwise have earned. His treatment of the case he has in hand 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 intend to prove. 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.

DOUGLAS C. BROWN.

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 a critical study of the life record of the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this paragraph may be beneficial to the reader, for it has been one of usefulness and honor.

Douglas C. Brown, the well known principal of Brown's Business College of Centralia, and also superintendent of the Cairo and Marion business colleges, the largest and most modern institutions of their kind in southern Illinois, was born in Clay county, this state, January 28, 1860, the son of William and Lucy (Murphy) Brown, the subject being the second child in a family of

four children. The parents of these children died when Douglas C. was but a child and he was reared by an uncle, John A. Flick, with whom he remained until of age. His early education began at Xenia, in Clay county, which was continued at Danville in the Normal School, later at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois. In all the schools he attended he made a splendid record for scholarship. Having been ambitious from the first, he applied himself in a most assiduous manner to his text-books and always stood high in his classes.

After leaving school Mr. Brown began teaching at the age of eighteen years. His first schools were taught in Clay county, later in Fayette county. His last public school work was as superintendent of the Vandalia schools, which position he held for five years. His educational work continued for a period of twelve years, during which time he achieved a broad reputation as an able educator and his services were in great demand. He left the work in the public schools for the purpose of opening a business college, which he subsequently launched at Vandalia, having conducted the same for two years, making a success from the start, for his fame as an educator was by that time so firmly established that whatever school his name was associated with was bound to be a success. After his experience with the Vandalia school he associated himself with Prof. G. W. Brown, in the Decatur Business College, remaining there three years. Our subject then took charge of the bookkeeping department of Brown's Business College at

Peoria, Illinois, which he ably conducted for three years, after which he came to the Centralia Business College in the fall of 1898. Each of the above schools has been highly successful and has turned out thousands of pupils well prepared to play their parts in the business and commercial world. The patronage that Prof. Douglas C. Brown now enjoys is largely due to his own outlay of time, talent and business sagacity, coupled with indomitable energy and persistency. The average daily attendance and the enrollment of the school in Centralia is two hundred each year. The pupils who have graduated in this school have and are constantly taking good positions in the various branches of business for which they have prepared.

The domestic life of our subject dates from October 12, 1881, when he was united in marriage with Maud Bryan, the accomplished and refined daughter of Samuel and Harriett (Hartman) Bryan, of Xenia, Illinois. To this happy union six children have been born, named in order of birth as follows: Clyde L., William H., Harriet M., Harry, Dean C. and Robert E. Clyde L. married Carrie Scheiber, of Peoria, Illinois. Harriet married O. A. Rosborough, William H. is in the United States navy at this writing (1908), being a yeoman, or bookkeeper and stenographer in the office of Admiral Sperry of the flagship Connecticut.

Mr. Brown owns a modern, commodious, nicely furnished and pleasant home in Centralia, which is frequently the gathering place for numerous friends and admirers of

the Brown family, each member of which is noted for his hospitality and cordiality.

In politics our subject is a Prohibitionist. In religious matters he supports the Christian church. He is a most companionable gentleman and 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 entitle him to the highest esteem.

C. D. TUFTS.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch did not seek any royal road to the goal of prosperity and independence, but began in legitimate ways to advance himself and the result is that he is now numbered among the successful newspaper men of Southern Illinois, having devoted practically his entire life to the management of an old and popular paper, the Democrat, published at Centralia, and he has been a molder of public opinion, having been a faithful defender of the rights and interests of the people of this vicinity at all times.

C. D. Tufts was born in Centralia, Illinois, January 27, 1864, the son of Samuel P. and Zerelda (Goodwin) Tufts, the former having been born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, January 28, 1827. The latter was born in Indiana October 6, 1833. They were married October 4, 1857, in Marion

county, Illinois. Four of their children are now (1908) living, namely: Gay L.; C. D., our subject; Elsie M., and Zerelda D. Elsie M. married Ray Greene, of Sterling, Illinois. They have no children. Samuel P. Tufts passed to his rest October 4, 1903, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow is still living and enjoys excellent health; she is a woman of beautiful Christian character, being a member of the Baptist church.

The early education of C. D. Tufts was obtained in the Centralia high school, in which he graduated in 1882. He has published the Democrat since 1883, having had charge of the office since then. His father was formerly the editor of this paper, which was established in 1869. Samuel P. Tufts had charge of the paper when it was burned out in 1871, and he re-established it as a weekly. It has been conducted as a daily and weekly since 1892. The circulation has gradually increased from the first until it now consists of one thousand and two hundred on both the daily and weekly. The paper has always been popular with the people of Marion county, having been a faithful defender of the local interests. It is ably and carefully edited, and the news service is prompt and of the best. The mechanical appearance of the paper shows that the best and most modern equipment is used in the plant.

Mr. Tufts has been honored with many official positions, all of which he has discharged with ability. He was president of the Board of Education of Centralia for one term, also president of the Illinois Press As-

sociation for one term. During Governor John P. Altgeld's administration he was private secretary of the Lieutenant-Governor for a period of four years. He was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee and is at present Master in Chancery of Marion county. He has long been an able exponent of the principles of the Democratic party and his support can always be depended upon in furthering the local interests of this party.

In his fraternal relations, Mr. Tufts is a member of Centralia Lodge No. 201, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Centralia Council, No. 93, Royal Arch Masons; Centralia Council, No. 28, Royal and Select Masters; Cyrene Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar. He is in command of the Commandery. Mr. Tufts is also a member of Centralia Lodge No. 394, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also a member of Helmet Lodge No. 26, Knights of Pythias, of Centralia. He is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Pythian Sisters, of Centralia lodges.

Mr. Tufts is a man of sunny disposition, affable, approachable and makes friends easily, which he has no trouble in retaining. While strong in his views, he is always willing to be fair and is candid at all times and under all circumstances. He enjoys an extensive acquaintance all over the state of Illinois among men of all classes, and he is held in high favor by all who know him for his honesty of purpose, pleasing manners and the future to such a man cannot help but be replete with abundant success.

THOMAS L. JOY.

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 Thomas L. Joy, as a business man and public benefactor, or, an editor of unusual felicity of expression and whose wonderfully facile pen delights thousands of readers, although now retired from the active affairs of everyday life and spending the last half of his years of 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 county of his residence, that it is but just recognition of his worth to speak at some length of his life and achievements.

Thomas L. Joy, retired editor of the *Evening Sentinel* of Centralia, Illinois, was born in Equality, this state, September 15, 1850, the son of Ephraim E. Joy, a Southern Illinois Methodist preacher of wide celebrity. He raised a company in 1862 for the purpose of taking part in the Union service. It was assigned to a regiment of Illinois volunteers. Mr. Joy was ordered to Fort Douglas to be sworn in as captain of the company. Upon reaching the place he received the sad news that his wife was lying at the point of death. This cut his war record and

he hastened home to his dying companion and two little sons, Andrew F. and Thomas L. The grandfather of the subject was a Baptist minister whose work was also confined to the southern part of this state. The Joy family has been well known and influential in the affairs of the southern part of the Prairie state since it was first settled.

The early education of Thomas L. Joy was obtained in the district schools and small towns, as his father itinerated from place to place. His last school was at Shiloh, St. Clair county. He received a fairly good education, which was later supplemented by extensive home reading and by coming in contact with the world.

Mr. Joy served his apprenticeship as a practical printer in St. Louis, Missouri, with the Woodward and Tiernan Printing Company, of that city. Being a young man of great energy and executive ability, Mr. Joy established the Carmi Times, at Carmi, Illinois, with his brother, Andrew F. Joy, in 1872. Our subject, who made a success of this venture, later sold his interest to his brother, Andrew F. Joy, in 1882. In 1880 the Joy brothers established the Cairo Daily and Weekly News. Thomas L. took full charge. In 1881 he closed out the paper and returned to Carmi and later purchased the Mt. Carmel Republican, which he conducted for over five years, with his usual success. He came to Centralia October 20, 1888, and bought one-half interest in the Sentinel; the firm name was then Joy & Hitchcock, the firm continuing for five months, when Hitchcock retired, H. F. Till-

man taking his place, continuing for a period of two years, at the expiration of which time our subject bought his interest and continued to publish the paper with increasing success until 1906, when he leased his paper to his son, Verne E. Joy. The latter took complete charge of the business on January 1, 1907.

While engaged on the Sentinel Thomas L. Joy, for a period of five years, published the Sandoval Times, a weekly paper at Sandoval, Marion county, which was liberally patronized. He also published the Odin News and the Patoka Enterprise, each a weekly paper, with a good, active circulation. Mr. Joy was a very busy man in overseeing all these papers, but his wonderful executive ability, his capacity for the accomplishment of a vast amount of work and his persistent qualities enabled him to carry them all to successful issue, and he was for many years the molder of public opinion in Marion county, and became known as one of her foremost and most influential citizens. He is still a regular contributor to the Sentinel. His articles are terse and pithy—always interesting. He enjoys his quiet home life in his beautiful home in Centralia, where hospitality and good cheer are always dispensed. He is an admirable conversationalist and keeps abreast of the times in all matters.

The domestic life of Thomas L. Joy dates from September 14, 1873, when he was united in marriage with Lizzie V. (Lockwood) Joy, of Wayne county, Illinois. She is the refined daughter of William and Elizabeth

(Wiley) Lockwood, of Wayne county, Illinois, long well known and influential in their community.

Our subject has always been a stanch Republican and ever ready to foster the principles of his party, doing what he could to insure the success of the same in his county and his counsel has been frequently sought and in the affairs of the party at home. In religion he follows his father's early training.

J. F. KNIGHT.

Mr. Knight has long maintained his home in this county, and while he has been benefited himself in a very material way through his efforts in a varied line of work, he has ever done what he could in the upbuilding of the community at large, and today he stands as one of the substantial and foremost citizens of Sandoval, where he is held in high favor by everyone.

J. F. Knight was born in Wenona, Illinois, May 23, 1867; the son of John and Susan (Ingersoll) Knight. The subject's grandfather, a native of Pennsylvania and of German lineage, was a farmer and lived and died in the old Keystone state. He was the father of eight children, all of whom lived to maturity. Eli Knight was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment and served three years. His brother, Thomas Knight, was also a soldier in the Federal ranks. They were both Lutherans in their church rela-

tions. Grandfather Knight lived to an advanced age, and grandmother Knight reached the age of ninety-four years. Grandfather Ingersoll was from New York. He came to Illinois in the fifties and settled in Wenona, where he lived the balance of his life, having reached the great age of ninety-six years. Grandmother Ingersoll met death in an unfortunate manner, by being killed when sixty-five years old.

The father of our subject was raised in Pennsylvania, and after his marriage to his first wife he came to Illinois and settled in Wenona. While in Pennsylvania he worked at the miller's trade, but after he came to Illinois he worked at farming, and he reached the age of fifty-two years. The subject's mother lived to be sixty-four years old. She was a member of the Christian church. Three children were born to John Knight by his first wife, and the same number by his second. He was a Democrat and served as County Clerk in Pennsylvania.

The early education of the subject of this sketch was obtained in the schools of Marion county. He later attended the Southern Illinois Normal School, where he gained a good education, having applied himself in a diligent manner to his text-books. Taking the advice of Horace Greeley, who told the young men of the East to seek their fortune in the West, Mr. Knight went to California after he left school, and for some time kept books. But he later returned to Illinois and worked his father's farm for a period of seven years, then bought land in Marion county and sold live stock, and later

engaged in the livery business in Sandoval, which he conducted for seven years. He owns an excellent farm in this county, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres of highly improved land. He also owns another farm which he rents, having the management of the first mentioned. Mr. Knight was also engaged in the ice business for a period of fourteen years. He owns ten houses in Sandoval, which he rents, and also owns a beautiful and modern residence. All this he has made practically unaided, having been a careful business man and exercised the best of judgment in all his business transactions.

Mr. Knight was united in marriage in 1891 to Stella Reinhardt, a native of this county, and the daughter of Charles and Frederick (Deitz) Reinhardt, natives of Germany. Mr. Reinhardt came to America in an early day and settled in Marion county. He was a weaver in the old country, but took up the baker's trade here. There were five children in his family.

Two children have been born to the subject and wife. The first, Merle, was born in April, 1893, and is in high school at this writing, 1908. The second, Norman, was born in 1896. They are both bright and interesting children.

The subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen, having passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellows. In his political relations he is a Democrat, and has long taken an active part in his party's affairs. He is at present Town-

ship Supervisor and has been Tax Collector. He was president of the Village Board for three terms, and he was Alderman for several terms. In his official capacities he gave the people of this community the best possible service and gained the approval of all.

JAMES HUNTER, M. D.

The medical profession in Marion county has an able representative in the subject of this review, who is to be considered one of the leading physicians of the community of Sandoval, where he at present maintains his home, where he has long been established in practice. He has been closely identified with the civic and social affairs of Sandoval and he controls a large and representative practice throughout this part of the county, where he is held in the highest esteem as a physician and surgeon and as a public-spirited and loyal citizen.

Dr. James Hunter was born in Randolph county, Illinois, in 1837, the son of Alexander and Martha (Kell) Hunter. Grandfather Hunter was from Ireland. He first settled in South Carolina after coming to this country, and it is supposed that he died there. In that state Grandfather Kell was born. He moved to Randolph county, Illinois, having devoted his life to farming. About 1830 he bought a farm there, settling among the pioneers, reared his family

of two children, both girls, and died there at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

The father of our subject was born in South Carolina and came to Illinois when twenty-eight years old, settling in Randolph county, where he bought land and on which he lived until his death, which occurred when he was twenty-nine years old. His wife passed away at the age of forty. Their family consisted of three children, our subject being the only survivor. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hunter were both members of the Presbyterian church.

Doctor Hunter was reared in Randolph county, Illinois, and attended the public schools there, working on his grandfather's farm in the meantime, until he was seventeen years old. He early decided that his life should be devoted to the healing art, and actuated by this laudable ambition he began the study of medicine under the direction and instruction of Dr. Hopkins, of Sparta, Illinois, having remained with him for one year. He then took two courses of lectures in the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati and began practice in Randolph county in 1858, where he remained with gratifying results attending his efforts for a period of five years. He then located in another part of the same county, where he remained a short time.

Much to the regret of his patients and numerous friends in Randolph county, he moved to Newport, Kentucky, in 1864, and took up practice there, where he remained for four years, his success having been instantaneous. He located in Switzer-

land county, Indiana, where he practiced with most flattering results for a period of nineteen years, after which he came back to Randolph county, Illinois. He then spent five years at Irvington, Washington county, having come to Marion county in 1890, and has been practicing here ever since, having a lucrative business and a growing practice. To further qualify himself Doctor Hunter attended the medical department of the Nashville State University and graduated from the same in 1879. Recently the doctor was appointed to the chair of Theory and Practice in the Hypocranium Medical College, a night school in St. Louis.

Doctor Hunter was married in 1857 to Miss N. J. Askins, of Sparta, Illinois. Two of Mrs. Hunter's brothers were soldiers in the Civil war, having enlisted from Illinois. They served their time out and were honorably discharged.

Six children were born to the subject and wife, four girls and two boys. The doctor has four grandchildren living. One of his daughters lives in San Francisco, California, another lives in St. Louis, one in Boston and another in New York. They are all well situated in reference to this world's affairs.

Our subject is a Mason and a Woodman. He has filled most of the chairs in the Masonic lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and are liberal supporters of the same.

Doctor Hunter takes an active part in politics, having been a liberal supporter in the Democratic ranks all his life. He has faithfully served his community as Justice of the Peace for the past twelve years. What his

hands and mind have found to do he has done with his might, and having attained a commanding position among his contemporaries, he wears his honor in a becoming manner and is today one of the prominent citizens of Marion county.

GEO. WASHINGTON DOWNEY, M. D.

The subject of this sketch has gained prestige in the healing art, which is always the outcome of close application and the ability to apply theory to practice in the treatment of diseases. Good intellectual training, thorough professional knowledge, have made the subject of this review successful in this chosen calling, having been in practice here for over a quarter of a century, during which time he has built up a lucrative patronage.

Dr. G. W. Downey was born in Princeton, Indiana, March 1, 1832, the son of William and Anna (Davis) Downey. Grandfather Downey, who was a millwright, which trade he followed all his life, was born in Ireland, came to America and settled in Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his life, and where he reared his children, being survived by six children, who lived to maturity. There were three ministers in the family. Grandfather Davis, who was also from Ireland, came to America and settled in Tennessee, later removing to Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his days, devoting his life to farming, living to an advanced age and rearing a family consisting of four daughters.

The father of our subject, who was born in Virginia, moved to Indiana when he reached manhood and followed his trade, that of millwright, having learned it from his father, but feeling that he was called to higher work, he abandoned this and developed into a Cumberland Presbyterian minister of considerable notoriety, living to be over sixty years old. He was the father of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest. The wife of Rev. Downey passed away at the age of sixty-four years.

Doctor Downey attended school in Indiana and when a young man worked out as a day laborer, his family being poor, making it necessary for him to earn his own living, but while somewhat unpleasant, it was good discipline for him and he developed an individuality which made greatly for subsequent success. Saving what he could with a view to obtaining a higher education, he was enabled in a few years to enter college at Newberry, Indiana. Believing that his true life work lay along medical lines, he began the study of medicine in Indiana. He took a medical course in Chicago and later in Iowa, having made a good record for scholarship in both.

Our subject practiced medicine for a period of four years before the breaking out of the Civil war, in which he took conspicuous part, having been one of the patriotic volunteers who went forth to battle for the nation's rights. He enlisted in October, 1861, in Company F, Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served two years. He was in

the great battle of Corinth, having been through the siege there; also took part in other engagements and marches in which his regiment participated, and was discharged on account of disease contracted while in line of duty.

After the war our subject returned to practice, locating in Hamilton county, Illinois, later removing to Washington county, then to Marion county in 1882, and has been in practice here ever since. Wherever he has practiced he has left an honorable name and a reputation as a high class physician and a conscientious citizen.

Doctor Downey was united in marriage in 1858 to Margaret Pace, daughter of Joseph Pace, whose people were originally from Kentucky. Seven children were born to our subject and wife, two of whom are deceased. Those living are: Annie, the widow of Cyrus Hamilton; Homer is married and has two children; Ada is the wife of a Mr. Knox and the mother of three children; Corrine is married and has one child; George is the fifth child and youngest. A singular coincidence in the history of the Pace family is the fact that Mrs. Downey's grandmother on the father's side of the house fell and broke a hip; Mrs. Downey's father also fell and broke a hip; later his twin brother broke his hip in a similar manner; then his daughter fell and broke her hip; later Mrs. Downey's brother fell and broke his hip; finally Mrs. Downey fell, breaking her hip, from which she has become a life cripple. In each case it was the right hip.

Our subject is a member of the ancient

and honorable Masonic fraternity. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church, the latter having been a church member since she was fourteen years old. In politics Doctor Downey is a Republican, and he has the interests of his community at heart, ever laboring for its development along political, religious and educational lines. His comfortable and well furnished home in Sandoval is frequented by his many friends and those of the family, and holds high rank in this community.

EDWIN L. WELTON.

The record of a life well spent, of triumph over obstacles, of perseverance under difficulties and steady advancement from a modest beginning to a place of distinction in the industrial world, when imprinted on the pages of a history, present to the youth of a rising generation a worthy example. Such a life is that of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this review, who is at this writing incumbent of the responsible position of postmaster of the city of Centralia, Illinois, and the able and conscientious manner in which he has ever looked after the interests of this city have called forth much praise from his fellow townsmen.

Edwin L. Welton was born at New Albany, Indiana, May 16, 1857, the son of Tandy and Mary E. (Carlan) Welton, the former having been born in Harrison

county, Indiana, January 4, 1827, and is still living in the Hoosier state. The mother of the subject was born near New Albany, Indiana, in 1832. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom Edwin L., our subject, was the sixth in order of birth. There were six boys and five girls, seven of whom are living.

The early education of the subject of this sketch was obtained in the common schools of New Albany. He early began working on a farm and later in the Ohio Falls Iron Works at New Albany. He came to Marion county, Illinois, in young manhood without a dollar, but possessing courage and energy he set to work and his subsequent career has been a most successful one. He now owns a costly and well furnished home in Centralia, besides considerable other property in real estate, and his rental income pays over one thousand dollars a year on his investment. He arrived in Centralia February 11, 1879.

After coming to this state our subject worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for a period of seventeen years and for thirteen years was an engineer on the road, having been one of the most trusted and efficient employes of this company. He also worked for some time in the nail mills of Centralia.

Our subject supports his aged father and mother, which he has done for years. He subscribed the first one hundred dollars for the erection of the present Catholic hospital erected in Centralia the latter part of 1908.

Our subject met with the misfortune to lose his left eye nine years ago by the ex-

plosion of a lubrication glass on an engine.

Edwin L. Welton first married Addie J. Andrews, of Centralia, October 17, 1882, by whom one son was born, Dwight E., whose birth occurred July 22, 1884. He lived eight months and seventeen days, having died in March, 1885. The subject's first wife passed to her rest October 15, 1887. Mr. Welton was married a second time, his last wife being Isabel H. See, the wedding occurring January 31, 1894. To this union five children have been born. The first died in infancy. The names of the others are Helen F., Frederick E., Winifred L. and Edna L., all living at home and attending school in 1908. Mrs. Welton is the daughter of C. M. and Anna M. See, of Alma.

Mr. Welton was elected Township Collector in 1902, the duties of which he faithfully performed, as he did also while serving as a member of the School Board of Centralia from 1887 to 1889. He was appointed postmaster of Centralia in 1903 and has faithfully continued to serve the people of this city under Roosevelt's administration, still being the incumbent of this office in 1908, and according to the consensus of opinion is one of the best postmasters the city has ever had, possessing as he does a remarkable executive ability and being of a pleasing address he is popular with all classes.

In politics our subject is a Republican, having always voted this ticket and done what he could in furthering the interests of his party. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Blue

Lodge, also Chapter, Council and Commandery. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of Eastern Star.

Our subject's people and also those of his wife were Methodists. Mrs. Welton is an active member of this church. Mr. Welton, while not affiliated with any special church, contributes liberally to the support of the Methodist church and worships there with his family, being a stanch believer in practical, every-day Christianity, a man of generous disposition who has always given his aid and influence to enterprises for the public good, and since becoming a resident of Centralia he has contributed largely to the material advancement of the city and to the social and moral welfare and he keeps abreast of the times in all matters in which the public is interested. 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 closest and most critical scrutiny. Thus far his official career has fully demonstrated the wisdom of his friends in urging his selection for the position which he holds.

ALFRED LIVESAY.

Although the unmarred life-chapter of the subject of this sketch has been closed and the seal set thereon forever by the "grim

reaper," his influence for good still pervades the lives of those with whom he was associated, for his life was led along high planes of endeavor and resulted in not only the accomplishment of good for himself and family, but also his neighbors.

Alfred Livesay was born in Tennessee February 15, 1822, and when seven years of age he came to Washington county, Illinois, at the age of seven years, and in about 1866 he came to Marion county, locating in Patoka township. Our subject was the son of John Wesley and Margaret (Lyons) Livesay, both natives of Tennessee, who came to Marion county, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives, dying on the same place on which they settled.

Our subject made nearly all the improvements of his place, having been a hard worker and an excellent manager. He was always a Democrat, but never sought public office. Entering the ministry, he was a Methodist preacher for several years, doing much good and becoming widely known as an earnest expounder of the Gospel, but he gave up preaching quite a while before his death, abandoning the ministry owing to failing health. He had the distinction of serving one year and one month in the Mexican war, during which he contracted sickness from which he never fully recovered. He was a farmer and an extensive stock raiser and was highly successful at his work wherever it was applied, being a man of good judgment and always industrious. He was a cousin of Dr. Thomas Livesay, one

of the leading physicians of Marion county and a man respected by all.

After receiving such common schooling as the times afforded our subject worked at various things, principally farming, until he married, February 26, 1846, in Washington county, Hannah Logan, who was born in Washington county September 30, 1830, and to this union the following children have been born; William T. married Eliza Seward and are the parents of four children and live in Stanley, Iowa; Elizabeth R. is single and takes care of her mother; Isaac B., who married Leticia Rock and who has two children, lives in Kansas; Pearl married Joseph Larimer and they are the parents of two children; Hester A. married Perry Davidson, of Marion county, and she is the mother of five children; Ransom P. married Louisa Suter and they are the parents of five children; Marshall A. married Rachael Walton and they have nine children; Liddie, deceased, married Robert Quale, and they are the parents of two living children and two deceased; Harvey R. married Mollie Chick and they are the parents of five children; Allen H., who remained single, died when forty-four years old; Daniel R. married Laura Cruse and they have three children; Etta married James Smith and they became the parents of eight children, four of whom are living; Clinton O. married Elvira McHaney and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom is deceased.

Alfred Livesay departed this life, after a strenuous and useful career, on April 22,

1883, honored and respected by all who knew him, and his place in the neighborhood has since been greatly missed, for he was a good and useful man, who, while laboring to advance the interests of himself, did not fail to do what he could in promoting the welfare of the public. He left his family about six hundred acres of well improved land. Mrs. Livesay now manages in a most successful manner one hundred and thirty-four acres, all under a high state of cultivation. She is a woman of rare business tact and ability, although she is now well advanced in old age, and she has a wonderful memory and is an interesting conversationalist. She draws a pension of twelve dollars per month. She is held in high esteem by the people of Patoka township for her many commendable traits of character and beautiful life.

JACOB COPPLE.

It is hard for the present generation to properly appreciate the brave deeds of the "boys in blue," who sacrificed so much on the altar of patriotism during the sixties, but as years go by the immensity of their deeds will be realized to a fuller extent and each veteran will be accorded full measure of credit and praise. The gentleman whose name appears above is a member of this great number of patriots.

Jacob Copple was born in Clark county, Indiana, December 23, 1835, the son of Andrew and Christina (Fine) Copple, both na-

tives of North Carolina, who were among the pioneers in the vicinity of Walnut Hill, Illinois, where they lived for a short time, then moved to Raccoon township, Marion county. He secured wild land and developed a good farm, on which he and his wife both died. He was a Democrat, but held no office, and an active member of the Christian church. The subject's mother was twice married, first to James Snow, and she had two sons by this marriage, William and James, the former a farmer and the latter a minister in the Christian church for many years. They are both deceased.

Four children were born to Andrew Copple and wife, namely: Jacob, our subject; John L., deceased, who lived in Raccoon township on a farm and was also a blacksmith; Simpson is living in Hood River, Oregon, a retired farmer; Mary Elizabeth is the widow of Robert Sanders, who lives in Raccoon township.

Our subject had only a limited amount of schooling in his youth, but he became self-educated and he taught five terms of winter schools in a most successful manner. He was married in March, 1856, to Malinda F. McCullough, a native of Tennessee, the daughter of Thomas McCullough, of Tennessee, who were among the early settlers in Jefferson county, Illinois, having located on a farm. Mr. McCullough lived to be over eighty years old. His wife survived him, dying in 1844. The subject's wife died November 20, 1901. Seven children were born to them, five of whom grew to

maturity, namely: Rebecca J., who married J. H. Creed, and who lived in Centralia township, died in 1884, after becoming the mother of three children; Charles L., a hotel keeper living near Portland, Oregon, is married and has four sons: Theopolis V., a farmer living in Raccoon township, is single; Samuel A., a farmer in Raccoon township, married Florence Copple and has three children; George F., deceased, married Minnie McMillin, and became a farmer near Walnut Hill. These children were educated in the home schools and are all fairly well situated in reference to business and homes.

Mr. Copple, as already intimated, was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted on April 6, 1865, in Company H, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He first went to New York City, being sick with the measles, and came home in 1865, and was sick until the spring of 1866. He had moved to Jefferson county, Illinois, in 1861, and he lived there until 1881, when he moved to Raccoon township, where he bought the Robert Rainey farm. His fine farm now consists of one hundred and twelve acres and he carries on general farming and stock raising in a most successful manner, having his farm highly improved and carefully tilled. He has always been a farmer and has taken much interest in public affairs. He has been School Director and he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, but since 1876 he has been a Populist and he has the splendid record of having been a member of the Christian church for