

of all who knew them and were numbered among the most worthy and estimable citizens of the locality in which they lived and faithfully labored for themselves and the common weal.

Their son, James C. Orr, obtained a limited education in the country schools, which were primitive and of narrow range in his day, attending those of Monroe county. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army, but did not see much active service. In one of the earliest engagements in which he took part he was captured and thereafter he languished in a Federal prison for about eight months. At the end of that time he took the oath of allegiance to the United States government and was released.

After his release from prison he returned to his Missouri home and at once began farming, the occupation in which he has been actively and successfully engaged ever since. In the spring of 1874 he moved to Shelby county and located in Jefferson township, where he now resides. He has a fine farm of 100 acres, which is well improved, skillfully cultivated and has been brought to a high state of productiveness. Every detail of its operations passes under his strict personal supervision, and all departments of the work are made to pay tribute to his intelligence and care.

In the affairs of the township and county Mr. Orr has always taken a lively and helpful interest, aiding every good project for the development and improvement of the region, and doing his part toward building up and strengthening all its institutions. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, but has not, for many years, taken a very active interest in

public affairs. He served as a member of the school board upward of ten years and as a road overseer for two. In religious faith he is allied with the Holiness sect.

Mr. Orr was married in April, 1870, to Miss Frances H. Hutchinson, a native of Monroe county, Missouri. They have had seven children, six of whom are living: Emma, the wife of N. B. Kiergan, of St. Louis; George W., Owen, E. S., C. H. and H. W. In all the relations of life the father has shown himself worthy of esteem and he is held in high regard by all classes in the township and throughout the county.

WILLIAM H. BOSTWICK.

Successful in all his business undertakings, faithful to every duty of good citizenship, taking an earnest and helpful interest in everything that will promote the general welfare of his township and county and minister to the comfort, convenience and general well being of their people, William H. Bostwick, one of the leading farmers and stock men of Jefferson township in this county, is well worthy of the high rank he holds as a truly representative man in the county and the universal esteem bestowed upon him by all classes of the people here and elsewhere, wherever he is known.

Mr. Bostwick was born in Rushville, Indiana, in October, 1861. He is a son of Thomas and Martha (Jerrel) Bostwick, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Delaware. They left the region of their birth in early life and found a new home in what were

then the wilds of Indiana, or at least a portion of that great state which was far behind its present condition of development and advancement. In 1868 the family moved to Missouri and located in Shelbyville, this county, where the father was energetically and successfully engaged in farming to the end of his life, which came in October, 1899. His wife died on August 8, 1890. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living, William H. and his brother, Rev. E. E. Bostwick, of Kirksville, Missouri.

William H. Bostwick obtained his education in the schools of Shelbyville, assisting in the work on his father's farm while attending them. He made early choice of his occupation for life, selecting the line of effort with which he was familiar and to which he was trained. As soon as he left school he began the career as a farmer and stock man which he is still extending with such gratifying success and prosperity. He has steadfastly adhered to it during all the succeeding years, and has found his faith in it as a means to advancement fully justified. His present farm comprises 678 acres of excellent land, and his live stock industry is in proportion to it. Both are managed with good judgment, extensive knowledge of the requirements and possibilities in the case, and both bring in handsome returns for the labor and care bestowed upon them. The farm is one of the most highly improved and best developed in the township, and is considered one of the most valuable as well as one of the most attractive.

Mr. Bostwick has been a wheel horse

in all matters of public improvement for the region in which he lives, giving his active and intelligent support to every worthy project for its advancement, and helping in every way he could to strengthen and intensify the mental and moral agencies at work among its people. He has been a member of the school board during the last eight years, and the schools have felt to their advantage the impulse to elevation and progress given by his quickening hand. In religious affiliation he is connected with the Baptist church, and is a leader in the congregation to which he belongs, serving as one of its deacons and taking a very important part in all its worthy undertakings. In politics he is allied with the Republican party, in which, also, he takes a zealous interest and to which he renders effective and appreciated service.

On February 25, 1886, he was married to Miss Nanny Y. Eaton, a daughter of John and Nancy Eaton, the former born in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1832, of Kentucky parentage, and the latter a daughter of old Virginia families. Mrs. Bostwick, however, was born and reared in Shelby county. She and her husband are the parents of nine children, all of whom are living. They are: Nanny R., Mary E., John E., Elsie, A. Audrey, Willye, Lloyd K., Louveta G. and Lotus V. All the members of the family are held in high regard and well deserve the hold they have on the good will of the people.

LANIUS LANDRON WHEELER.

The interesting subject of this brief review comes of heroic strains, and while