

native state. He then again took up farming as his leading employment and adhered to this until his death, which occurred in 1892. Twice he yielded to the dominion of the tender passion, being first married on March 21, 1833, to Miss Sarah W. Parker. They had one child, who is still living, their daughter Mary, who is now the widow of John W. Jacobs, of Clarence, in this county. Her mother died September 8, 1850, and on January 5, 1857, the father married a second time, choosing Miss Mary M. Lyell as his partner on this occasion. One child was born of this union, Vernon L., the immediate subject of this brief review. Stanford Drain died November 20, 1892.

Vernon L. Drain attended the public schools of Shelbyville and studied a great deal at home. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm for a few years, then passed some time as a clerk and salesman in a store. But feeling within him a call to higher duties than those of a salesman, however necessary and worthy they may be, he began the study of law under the direction of the present representative of this district in the congress of the United States, Hon. James T. Lloyd, of Shelbyville. In 1891 he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession in Shelbyville, and here he has been actively and successfully engaged in it ever since. He has risen to very good standing in his profession and influence among the people on merit which his whole record has made manifest, and in social life he is in the front rank.

Mr. Drain has taken an active part in the affairs of the county as a citizen deeply interested in its welfare and zeal-

ous in promoting its advancement, and as a Democrat in politics eager to secure the best interests of the country by the application of proper principles and theories in the administration of its government. He was elected prosecuting attorney of Shelby county in 1892 and served two terms in that office. His religious connection is with the Southern Methodist church. On February 17, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Nellie E. Turner, of Maryville, Nodaway county, Missouri. The three children born of their union are all living and at home with their parents. They are: Benjamin Stanford, Katherine V. and Vernon L. No family in the county stands higher in the estimation of the people and none is more deserving of a high rank.

EUGENE M. CADWELL.

One of the well known and distinctively popular officials of Shelby county is he whose names initiates this article. Mr. Cadwell is incumbent of the office of circuit clerk, in which position he has served, with marked efficiency, since January 1, 1907, prior to which he has been one of the representative business men of the thriving little village of Shelbyna, from which he transferred his residence to Shelbyville, the county seat, when preparing to assume the duties of his present official position.

Mr. Cadwell is a native son of Shelby county and is a member of one of its honored pioneer families. His paternal grandfather was Moses Cadwell, who was a native of North Carolina, whence he removed to Kentucky in the pioneer days of the latter commonwealth, in

which he continued to reside until his removal to Shelby county, Mo., where his death occurred. Mr. Cadwell was born on the homestead farm, in Salt River township, this county, on May 7, 1877, and is a son of William M. and Elizabeth (Quigley) Cadwell, the former of whom was born in Kentucky, in 1844, and the latter of whom was born in Shelby county in the year 1854. Their marriage was solemnized in Shelby county, in 1875, and here they continue to maintain their home.

William M. Cadwell was about nine years old at the time of his parents' immigration from Kentucky to Missouri, and the family home was established in Shelby county, this state, in the year 1853. Here he was reared to maturity and here his entire active and independent career has been one of close and successful identification with agriculture and stock-growing. He is the owner of a fine farm of 240 acres, in Salt River and Black Creek townships, and the place is equipped with the best of improvements of a permanent order, so that on all sides are abundant evidences of thrift and prosperity. During the Civil war he served under Colonel Porter, taking part in many skirmishes marking the conflict between the opposing forces in Missouri, and having participated in the engagements at Kirksville and Edina. In politics he is a staunch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and he has wielded not a little influence in public affairs in his community. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Christian church, taking a deep interest in the various departments of its work, and both

are held in unqualified esteem in the county that has so long been their home. They became the parents of seven children, all of whom still reside in Shelby county, their names being here entered in the respective order of birth: Eugene M., Frank M., James V., Laura B., Willard T., Ethel M., and Ruth.

Eugene M. Cadwell passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm, to whose work he early began to contribute his quota, and after completing the curriculum of the district schools he continued his studies in the high school at Shelbina, where he also completed a course in a business college. After leaving school he was employed for several years as clerk in general and hardware stores in Marshall and Shelbina, after which he was engaged for six years as traveling salesman in the south. At the expiration of the period noted Mr. Cadwell returned to Shelbina, where he became associated with his brother, James V., in the grain and feed business, under the firm name of Cadwell Brothers. They built up a successful enterprise, and the subject of this review continued to be actively identified therewith until October, 1905, when the firm sold the business and he entered the campaign to secure nomination, on the Democratic ticket, for the office of circuit clerk. He received the nomination at the county convention of the party on January 17, 1906, and in the election of the following November he received a gratifying majority at the polls. In the preceding April he had removed to Shelbyville, and there he served as deputy county recorder until January 1, 1907, when he assumed the office of circuit clerk, of which

he has since continued in tenure and in which his administration has met with unequivocal commendation. Mr. Cadwell has rendered yeoman service in behalf of the cause of the Democratic party and is one of its valued workers in the local field. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a citizen whose unqualified personal popularity in his native county stands as adequate voucher for his sterling attributes of character.

On January 1, 1905, Mr. Cadwell was united in marriage to Miss Goldie G. Walker, of Shelbina, who was born and reared in this county and who is a daughter of Enoch H. Walker, a well known and honored citizen of the county. Of the two children of this union one died in infancy and the survivor, William G., was born on November 12, 1908.

EDWIN M. DAMRELL.

Among the native sons of Missouri who have here attained success and prestige of no uncertain order is the present able and popular recorder of Shelby county, where he has maintained his home from his childhood days and where he has not only been identified with important business interests, but where he has also been called upon to serve in various positions of distinctive public trust, a fact that shows the estimate placed upon him in the county where he is best known. In the review of the career of his elder brother, Theodore B. Damrell, appearing on other pages of this work, is given sufficient information

concerning his parents and the family history to make it unnecessary to repeat the data in the present sketch. It may be noted, however, that he is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of this section of the state, with whose history the name has been long and worthily identified, in both Monroe and Shelby counties..

Edwin M. Damrell was born on a farm in Jefferson township, Monroe county, Missouri, on March 9, 1869, and in 1877, shortly after the death of his honored father, the family removed from Monroe county to Shelby county, locating on an excellent farm which the father had purchased in Salt River township. There the subject of this sketch was reared to maturity, being afforded the advantages of the public schools of the locality and continuing to be identified with the work of the farm until he had attained to the age of eighteen years, when he took up his abode in Shelbyville, the county seat, where he became a clerk in the grocery store of Dussair & Levan, with which firm he continued in this capacity for several years, at the expiration of which, in 1893, he became associated with his brother, Theodore B., in purchasing the stock and business, which they thereafter conducted under the firm name of Damrell Bros. for a period of five years.

In 1898 Mr. Damrell was elected clerk of the circuit court for Shelby county, for a term of four years, and the best evidence of the popular appreciation of his services was that given in his being chosen as his own successor in the election of 1902. He continued incumbent of the office for a second term of four years, at the expiration of which he was