

marked by the strictest business methods and the most progressive policies. He has been active in the work of his political party in his native county, and is well fortified in his convictions as to matters of public polity. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he is identified with the lodge and chapter in Shelbyville, and both he and his wife are devoted and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. In the Shelbyville church of this denomination he has held the position of Sunday-school superintendent for thirty years, and he is also actively concerned in all other departments of the church work.

On May 31, 1881, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hewitt to Miss Lillian Turner, who was born and reared in Shelby county, where her father, the late Halman Turner, was a successful farmer and honored and influential citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt have four children, namely: Esta, who is the wife of Roy L. Dimmitt, of Birmingham, Alabama, where he is superintendent of manual training in the public schools. Mrs. Dimmitt is a graduate of the Howard Payne College of Missouri. John Vance, who is attending the law department of Columbia University of New York; Floyd, who is now attending the State University of Missouri, and Cresap, who remain at the parental home.

THE CITIZENS' BANK OF SHELBYVILLE.

There is no one factor that determines with so much of positive emphasis the status of the business and general prosperity of a community as the extent

and character of its banking institutions, and in this regard the financial interests of Shelby county are reposed in banks of ample capital and wise and conservative management, as well as by the enlistment of the support of citizens of the highest character and most thoroughly representative influence.

The Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville holds prestige as one of the substantial and ably directed financial institutions of the county, and though its age is comparatively represented by about half a decade, its effective policy and the personnel of its executive corps have gained to it an impregnable standing in the confidence and support of the community. The charter of the bank was granted in April, 1894, and it opened its doors for business on the 1st of the following month. It is incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000 and the original board of directors comprised the following named citizens: John J. Hewitt, Alonzo Cooper, James T. Lloyd, James L. Feely, James Edelen, William A. Hughes and James M. Gentry. The personnel of the executive corps at the initiation of business was as follows: John J. Hewitt, president; James T. Lloyd, vice-president; and William W. Mitchell, cashier. Mr. Hewitt has retained the presidency to the present time and Mr. Mitchell served twelve years and was succeeded by James M. Pickett, besides being secretary of the board of directors, which now includes, besides these two officers, the following named citizens: Alonzo Cooper, who is now vice-president; John W. Frye, Theo. B. Damrell and Mrs. Nanie Terrell.