

Shorthorn cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs, of which he handles large numbers and with them keeps the markets in which he deals active and well supplied. Through his activity in this respect he has also helped considerably to improve the grades of stock he favors throughout Shelby county and the adjoining counties of the state, and has thereby been of great benefit to this whole region.

Mr. Feely was married on February 11, 1903, to Miss Lizzie Christian, of Warren, Missouri. They had one child, their son, Donovan Read, who is being indoctrinated in the tenets and principles of business so successfully pursued by his parents, and who, although very young yet, is showing himself to be an apt and responsive student. In political faith and allegiance the father is a firm and faithful member of the Democratic party, and gives its principles and candidates his earnest support in all campaigns. In fraternal relations he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist church. Mrs. Feely died December 29, 1903. Mr. Feely again married, November 10, 1909, to Lu Verne Hallenbeck, of this county, a daughter of Silvesta Hallenbeck.

Like his younger brother, Silas M. Feely, Charles R. is yet a young man, and his success has been won within a few years. It also gives great promise for the future, both with reference to his own estate and the general improvement and advance of the township and county of his home, in which he takes a very active interest and in promoting their wel-

fare bears a zealous, helpful and important part of the work. He and his wife are among the most useful and esteemed residents of Black Creek township.

#### EDWARD M. COE.

The grandson of a Virginia planter who came to the United States from England and settled in the Old Dominion soon after our Revolutionary war, whose name also was Edward, and the son of David J. and Elizabeth (Skinner) Coe, who were born and reared in Loudon county of that state, Edward M. Coe, one of the prominent farmers and stock breeders of Black Creek township in this county, inherited from his ancestors, and acquired in association with the people of his native place, qualities of sturdy independence and sterling manhood which gave him self-reliance and have been among the leading elements of the business success he has achieved. He also inherited from his progenitors a spirit of valor and military prowess which made the battlefield seem to them and him a place of sanctity when duty called them to it. His grandfather and all the sons of his household took part in the war of 1812, and rendered their country valiant service in that short but sanguinary conflict. And when our Civil war began, the second Edward and representative of the third generation of patriots in this country, promptly took his place in the ranks of one of the contending armies as a private soldier, and offered his life bravely in defense of his convictions.

Mr. Coe was born in Loudon county, Virginia, on July 1, 1821, and grew to

manhood and obtained his education there. He came to Missouri in 1843, arriving on February 4 of that year. He had been well trained in a variety of pursuits, as after returning from the war of 1812, his father engaged in farming, milling and raising live stock, and as he was successful in all these lines of business, and carried on extensively in each, his offspring had the benefit of his acumen and capacity which aided him in acquiring knowledge of them and skill and enterprise in conducting them. The father's marriage with Miss Elizabeth C. Skinner occurred on July 1, 1820, and resulted in the production of three children, of whom Edward M. is the only one now living. In politics the father was a Whig and in fraternal life a member of the Masonic order.

On his arrival in this state Edward M. Coe first located in Knox county, but soon afterward moved to Marion county, where he remained four years. In 1847 he changed his residence to Lewis county, and in his new location built a mill, which he operated three years. A desire to see the farther West had seized hold of him by the end of that period, and in 1850 he made a trip to Oregon, which was just then pleading earnestly for settlers to take possession of and enjoy the great bounty and rich opportunities that lay for all comers in the expanding lap of that region. Three years on the Pacific slope satisfied him and at the end of that period he returned to Missouri and again took up his residence in Knox county. He remained there until 1895, then moved to Shelby county, and here he has been farming and raising considerable quantities of live stock

ever since. He has bred, reared and placed on the market some of the best horses ever known in this county.

Mr. Coe's farm comprises 321 acres of choice land and is located near Shelbyville. It is one of the best in the county, and is particularly well adapted to his live stock industry and adequately equipped and fitted up for conducting the business in the most progressive and satisfactory manner. The farm is the attractive and valuable home of his family, which consists of his wife and six living children—Edward and Marion, who are still living with their parents; Andrew N., who resides in Atlanta, Missouri; Frances R., the wife of Samuel Mason, whose home is in Knox county, this state; Ella, the wife of N. S. Taylor, who is also a resident of Knox county; and Lydia, the wife of William Collins, of Shelby county.

It is not to be overlooked, or passed with a mere mention, that Mr. Coe took part in the Civil war in this county. At the very beginning of the conflict he enlisted as a private soldier in the Confederate army, in Colonel Franklin's regiment under Colonel Porter. Whatever the length of his term of service, it is certain that he bore himself bravely in all the privations, hardships and dangers of military life and admirably sustained the reputation of his forefathers. His company was commanded by Captain Kendrick, and the regiment by Colonels Porter and Franklin. He was united in marriage with Miss Martha V. Nelson, a native of Knox county, on May 24, 1864. Eight children in all were born to them. In politics Mr. Coe is an Independent, considering first, in every cam-

paign, the best interests of the public, and casting his vote in accordance with his judgment on that ground. In fraternal life he is a member of the Masonic order, and in religion his allegiance is given to the Missionary Baptist church. He has been very successful in his business, has shown himself to be an excellent citizen in every respect, and has won the lasting regard and confidence of the whole people in the north-eastern part of this state and wherever else he has lived.

#### KIM BETHARDS.

All of the fifty-five years that have passed to this time (1910) in the life of Kim Bethards, one of the substantial, prosperous and progressive farmers and live stock breeders of Black Creek township, have been spent in Shelby county, and all of the number since he was first able to work have been devoted to the promotion of the two leading industries of the county in which he is now engaged. He was born in the county on November 8, 1844, and has never lived in any other county than Shelby, and never far from the locality of his present farm of 193 acres near Shelbyville.

Mr. Bethards is of Maryland ancestry, his grandfather and his parents, Joshua and Matilda (Moore) Bethards, all having been born and reared in that state. The father came to Missouri in 1835 and located on a farm of 160 acres near Shelbyville, and there he farmed and raised and fed live stock for the markets, steadily enlarging his possessions in land and extending his stock industry as his prosperity increased, until at the

time of his death he owned 900 acres and carried on one of the most active and considerable trades in stock in that part of the county.

He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, four of whom are living: Adeline, the wife of Robert Douglas, of Shelbyville; Isaac, who resides in Henderson county, Illinois; and Zedoc and Kim, both of whom are residents of this county. The father was a pronounced and active Democrat in political faith and allegiance, and a man of great enterprise and zeal in behalf of all commendable projects for the improvement and development of his township and county. He found them almost at the dawn of their corporate existence and not far removed from the frontier stage of their history. He left them well advanced in material progress, dotted with the homes of an enterprising and sturdy people, determined to make the most of the opportunities for advancement their fertile acres afforded, and with all the elements of mental, moral and spiritual life well established. And to this result he and his wife contributed extensively and substantially. He died on March 5, 1875, and she on May 11 in the same year.

Their son Kim, the interesting subject of this brief sketch, obtained his education in Shelbyville, and after leaving school at once began farming on 200 acres of land near that town. From that farm he moved in 1878 to the one of 193 acres which he now owns and occupies. From the first planting of his plowshare in the responsive soil of this county he has been continuously and profitably engaged in general farming and raising