

which he was one of the organizers and incorporators, and he was also one of those identified with the organization of the Shelby County Railroad Company, of which he was a charter member and in which he is still a stockholder. He takes much interest in the progress of his native city and county and is ever ready to lend his influence and tangible aid in support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the material and civic welfare of the community. Though never ambitious for the honors or emoluments of public office Mr. Cooper is found arrayed as a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party and he has given effective support to its cause in both local and general campaigns. He is affiliated with Shelbyville Lodge, No. 33, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife are earnest members of the Christian church, taking active interest in the various departments of its work. They are held in high regard in the county that has ever represented their home and their circle of friends is limited only by that of their acquaintances.

On October 22, 1876, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Perry, who was born and reared in this county, where her father, the late Joseph Perry, was a successful and influential farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have two children—Fannie, who is the wife of Benjamin F. Gwynn, of Shelbyville, and Roy B. Cooper, who is engaged in farming in Shelby county.

JOHN D. DALE.

Mr. Dale is a representative member of the bar of his native county, being es-

tablished in the successful practice of his profession in Shelbyville, the judicial center of the county, and by reason of his prestige in his profession as well as on account of his being a scion of a family whose name has been identified with the annals of Shelby county for more than half a century, ever standing as a synonym of integrity and honor in all the relations of life. The Dale family was early founded in the state of Maryland, where Isaac Mitchell Dale, grandfather of the subject of this review, passed his entire life. There also was born Isaac Dale, the son, the year of whose nativity was 1818. He was reared to manhood in his native commonwealth, where he received a good common-school education and where he continued to reside until 1854, when he came to Missouri and took up his residence on a farm near the present city of Shelbyville, Shelby county, and in 1861 moved to a farm near Florence. There he devoted his attention to diversified agriculture and the raising of excellent grades of live stock until 1862, when he removed with his family to the village of Clarence, where, after disposing of his farm property, he engaged in the general merchandise business, in which he continued until his death, which occurred on August 26, 1878. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Dennis, was likewise a native of the state of Maryland, and she was summoned to the life eternal on September 1, 1876. The mother had been a member of the M. E. Church, South. Of their nine children five are now living, namely: William J., who is a resident of Mancos, Colorado; Jesse T., who is engaged in business at Shel-

bina, Missouri; Rebecca, who is the wife of John H. Hainline, of Bloomington, Illinois; Rufus E., who is a representative business man of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and John D., who is the immediate subject of this review.

John D. Dale is indebted to the public schools of the village of Clarence, this county, for his early educational discipline, which was supplemented by attendance in the Methodist Academy in Shelbyville, in which well conducted institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1878. Thereafter he took up the study of law, and was favored in securing as his preceptor Senator Cyrus S. Brown, of Clarence, one of the able members of the bar of the county and for several terms a member of the state senate. He continued his technical reading under the direction of his preceptor, until 1883, when he was elected circuit clerk and county recorder, of which dual office he remained incumbent for two terms, giving an administration that met with popular approval and was marked by scrupulous care in the handling of the various details of the office work. In the meanwhile Mr. Dale had continued his legal studies, and on October 24, 1890, he was duly admitted to the bar of his native county and state. He retired from the office of county recorder in the following December, and since that time he has been engaged in active general practice as an attorney and counselor at law, with residence and professional headquarters in the thriving little city of Shelbyville. In 1896 he entered into a professional partnership with Hopkins B. Shain, with whom he was associated until 1898, when the alliance was dis-

solved by mutual consent, and since that time Mr. Dale has conducted an individual professional business, in connection with which he has appeared in much important litigation and retained a substantial and representative clientage. He is recognized as an able and versatile trial lawyer and as a counselor well informed in the minutiae of the science of jurisprudence. He was official reporter of the house of representatives in the forty-second general assembly of the Missouri legislature and in this connection formed the acquaintanceship of many of the representative men in public and professional life in the state. Mr. Dale is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor, and he has rendered yeoman service in behalf of the party cause. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and are zealous in the work of the church in Shelbyville.

On May 15, 1883, Mr. Dale was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Priest, of Shelbyville, and of their five children two are living—Mildred and Celeste B., both of whom remain at the parental home.

DR. WILLIAM CARSON.

Representing the second generation of his family that has been energetic and serviceable in developing the resources of Missouri, which before their advent in the state, and that of those who came hither about the same time, had lain for ages almost in their state of primeval wildness untouched by the quickening hand of systematic industry, Dr. Wil-