

ways of value and practical utility. He has for many years been a devout and zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and has taken a leading part in all the work of the congregation to which he belongs.

HENRY S. FUNK.

The capacity to conduct affairs of magnitude and great moment and bring them to a successful conclusion is a rare one, and admirable wherever it is shown. The power to do this in the face of great and obstinate obstacles and to do it with seeming ease and freedom from anxiety or worry, is still rarer and more admirable. The commanding might of mind is involved in any case, and when that operates apparently without friction, easily, smoothly and without variation or delay toward the destined or desired end, the evidence is clear that there is serenity and loftiness of spirit, a healthy balance of attributes and personality and masterly self-mustering of forces, allied with the intellectual supremacy in the man who makes the exhibit. In other words, that a man who is master of the situation and of himself has the matter to be accomplished in hand and will achieve it.

In many ways in his career Henry S. Funk, of Clarence, Shelby county, Missouri, has shown that he is such a man. He has initiated, undertaken and accomplished great things, and has done it with such seeming ease that the magnitude of the achievements have not sufficiently impressed the public mind, and he has thereby robbed himself of a considerable measure of the credit that has been due

him. But he is not a man who cares for this. It is results he aims at, and he is willing to let the rest of the considerations involved take care of themselves.

Mr. Funk is a native of Vermilion county, Illinois, and was born on a farm two and one-half miles east of Danville in that county on August 22, 1862. He is a son of Christian W. Funk, a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who came from there to Danville, Illinois, in company with his cousin, Dr. I. K. Funk, the celebrated publisher of New York, for the purpose of looking over the country. Christian Funk later located there, but I. K. Funk returned to New York City. Christian Funk was a farmer and general business man, and also a carpenter. He built the first large hotel in Danville, and he owned and conducted it for a number of years. He was a close student of agriculture and horticulture and was a general seed producer for a number of years.

The Funk family in this country originated with four Mennonite bishops who were exiled from Germany and came to the United States, locating on Indian creek, Pennsylvania. They founded the Mennonite college at Bethlehem, in that state, and in many other ways left their impress on their time and the locality in which they lived. For they were men of strong intellectual powers and extensive acquirements in wide and comprehensive learning, and also had a great force of character. One of them, Bishop Henry Funk, translated the celebrated work entitled "The Martyr's Mirror" from Dutch into English, and gave it currency in this country.

Rudolph Funk, the paternal grand-

father of Henry S., was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and Henry's father was also a native of that state. During the Civil war in this country he sympathized with the South, but he never took a very active part in political affairs. In all the other relations of life he was, however, a man of unusual energy and capability, and, like many other members of the family, past and present, never undertook anything which he did not achieve. He died at Danville, Illinois, on May 10, 1872. The mother was Mary Shoff, a daughter of Rudolph and Christina (Stauffer) Shoff, who were also Pennsylvanians by nativity, and born and reared in Lancaster county. Of the seven children born of the union three grew to maturity and are still living. They are: Fanny, the wife of A. W. Boardman, of Toledo, Ohio, the general manager of the Reynolds Bros. Elevator Company, of that city; Albert, a prominent real estate dealer of Danville, Illinois, and Henry S., of Shelby county, Missouri.

The last named obtained his education mainly in the public schools of Danville, Illinois, but after leaving them and working for a period of five years, he passed three months at a State Normal school in that city. At the age of thirteen he began working for a small compensation in a garden and from that a few years later passed to renting farm lands and raising live stock. In 1883 he engaged in merchandising, but his interest was never weaned away from the farm, and after a time he returned to it. He came to Missouri in 1895 and located in Taylor township, this county, where he has ever since resided and been engaged exten-

sively in farming and raising stock. In this county he controls and cultivates over 2,000 acres of land and has a stock industry in proportion, giving close, careful and intelligent attention to every detail of the work in both lines of his endeavor, and making everything connected with either tell to his advantage.

But Mr. Funk has not been only a farmer and stock man, extensively as he has operated in these lines of effort. For a number of years he has been a railroad promoter, and his ability in this department of creative work is well shown by his latest achievement in it. At the earnest solicitation of the farmers along the line he inaugurated the Hannibal & Northern Electric Railway, of which he is now vice-president, an electric line operating between Hannibal and Kirksville, in this state, and it has been chiefly through his instrumentality and endeavors that the line became a possibility and later will be an accomplished and very useful institution.

Mr. Funk is an author, too, and many productions from his facile and virile pen have attracted wide attention and brought forth highly favorable comments, because of their genuine merit. He is now writing a book on "Farm Life," which is sure to be full of interest and information, for it will be based on the extensive experience of a man who knows how to tell his story in a graphic and impressive way. In addition, he is not only a great lover of music, but is highly accomplished in both the science and the art of making "course of sweet sounds." He has a rich baritone voice that has delighted thousands who have heard him sing, and has

brought him many flattering offers of engagements on the stage.

In politics he adheres faithfully and firmly to the Democratic party, but at the same time is independent, and in local affairs believes in voting for the candidate he considers best for the welfare of the people without regard to partisan considerations. In advocating the convictions he holds he has always been accounted a successful political leader, but he has never sought or desired a political office of any kind, either by election or appointment. Fraternaly he is allied with the Masonic order, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America, and believing in their benefit to the communities in which they are located, he has ever been a liberal contributor to all churches without restriction on account of denominational or other considerations. His public spirit is shown in his ardent support of all undertakings of merit for the improvement or advancement of his township and county, and by his having laid out and given to the city of Danville, Illinois, more streets and alleys than any other man. It is shown especially by his self-sacrifice and enterprise in connection with the electric railway line he is building, which, while it may result in considerable profit to him hereafter, subjects him at present to the risk of losing everything he has. Mr. Funk has been twice married and has a family of three daughters by his first marriage, as follows: Lila, who is now Mrs. John Fisher, of this county; Ada, still at home, and Zora, now Mrs. Dale Holloway, of Henning, Ill. His second marriage occurred on December 23, 1902, the lady of his

choice being Mrs. Georgia A. Qeenan, a native of Crawfordsville, Ind. Mrs. Funk's maiden name was Georgia A. Nilest. Her parents, George and Lena (Fisher) Nilest, are still esteemed residents of Crawfordsville, Ind. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Funk, Romona Cecelia. He is one of the most prominent and influential men in the county and is fully entitled, on demonstrated merit, to the rank he holds.

DR. HARRY B. HAMMOND.

Standing high in his profession, prominent and influential as a citizen, having a potential voice in the public affairs of the community of his home, and radiant as a sunbeam in social life, Dr. Harry B. Hammond, one of the leading dentists of Shelby county, is of great service to the people of Shelbyville, which is the seat of his operations, in many different ways. He is a native of Missouri, born in Lincoln county on February 6, 1872, and a son of Thomas H. Hammond, who was born at Troy in that county in 1839. The paternal grandfather, Robert Hammond, came to this state from Kentucky at an early date and helped to lay the foundations of the present civilization and fix the forms of government of the locality in which he settled. He was a man of strong personality, great force of character and a wide knowledge of public affairs, and as the period of his arrival was a formative one, his capabilities were in great demand in the service of the people.

His son Thomas, the father of the Doctor, was reared to manhood and educated in Lincoln county, Missouri, and