

Shelbina schools and Collegiate Institute. He began life for himself as a clerk and salesman in a grocery store, **and** during the short time he served the requirements of his position with industry and fidelity. But he felt within him **an** urgent call to fields of higher endeavor and wider opportunity. Accordingly he engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business, which he followed until he became president of the bank. Since then he has given the affairs of the bank his close personal attention, looking into all the details of its business with intelligent scrutiny and an earnest determination to secure the best possible results in every respect for its promoters and patrons. In addition he owns and operates a large farm.

In political faith Mr. Lyell is allied with the Democratic party, but, although he is active in the support of its principles and candidates, he has never sought or consented to accept an office for himself except in the government of the town. Among the many fraternal and benevolent societies existent and active in the country he has allied himself with but two, the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias. In the former he holds the rank of Knight Templar. In religious affiliations he belongs to the M. E. Church, South, and is president of the board of stewards of the congregation in which he has his membership. On June 28, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Idress Stephens, of Macon, Missouri. No man stands higher in the community than Mr. Lyell, and none better deserves the esteem in which he is held. To every interest of the town and county

he has been attentive in the most practical and beneficial way.

THOMAS JANES.

The interesting subject of this writing, who is one of the venerable and venerated citizens of Shelby county and now has his home in Lakenan, was born in Washington county, Kentucky, on November 2, 1832, and is a son of John H. and Henrietta (Gibbs) Janes, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter born and reared in the same state. The father was born in 1800 and became a resident of Missouri in 1851. He took up land in Marion county, which he cultivated and improved, and on which he was extensively engaged in raising live stock, until 1865. In that year he retired from active work and moved to Shelby county, making his home with his son-in-law, Benjamin Green. He died in 1866. In 1819 he was married to Miss Henrietta Gibbs, and by this marriage became the father of eleven children, six of whom are living: James L. G., who has his home in Monroe county; Thomas, who is the theme of these paragraphs; John H., a resident of Nebraska; William P., of Hunnewell; Kittie, the wife of Benjamin Green, now living in Monroe county; and Rebecca Ann, the widow of George Ruberson, deceased. In politics the father was a pronounced Democrat and in religion a firm and faithful Catholic.

Thomas Janes lived to the age of nineteen in his native state and was educated in the district schools near his home, supplementing their course of instruc-

tion as a student at St. Rosey Infirmary for a few terms. He came to Missouri with his parents in 1851 and remained with them on the new farm they were cultivating in this state until 1853. His father then gave him fifty acres of land in Marion county, and to the development and improvement of this tract he devoted himself with skill and industry until 1862. The storm of the Civil war having by that time developed into a hurricane of disaster, he felt it his duty to give his services to his state in the endeavor to save it to the Union and defend it against armed invasion. He therefore enlisted in the state military service and was connected with it until 1864, when he joined the Federal army as first lieutenant of Company G, Thirty-ninth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Kutzner. He was present at the battles of Centralia and Jefferson City and rendered excellent service in helping to break up the numerous bands of guerrillas and bushwhackers whose predatory warfare terrorized the state.

Mr. Janes was mustered out of the army on July 19, 1865, and at once located in Shelby county, where he has been living ever since, except for one year, during which he lived in Phelps county for the benefit of his health, and for another, when he was farming and raising stock in St. Louis county. He continued farming and raising live stock until 1885, when he retired, a little later moving to Lakenan, where he has passed all his subsequent years, enjoying the comforts of the estate he has wrung from the soil by industry and thrift, and the rest his long and trying labors entitle him to.

Two marriages have been the lot of Mr. Janes, his first wife being Miss Hulda Buzzard, whom he married in July, 1852. The fruits of this union were five children, three of whom are living: Mary Frances, widow of William H. Howe, now living in Hunnewell; Sarah Katharine, the wife of Frank Hudson, of Morrill, Michigan; and John L., deceased. The second marriage was with Miss Lucretia A. Mayes, of Shelby county, and resulted in two children, Joseph W. and James T. Their mother is still living, revered by all who know her, as is Mr. James himself, who is well and favorably known all over the county, and is everywhere esteemed as an upright and progressive man and a high-toned and admirable citizen. In politics he is a Republican and in religion a Baptist.

ADOLPHUS G. WOOD, M. D.

One of the honored and distinguished representatives of the medical profession in Shelby county and a scion of one of the well known pioneer families of this section of the state, Dr. Wood has here maintained his home from the time of his childhood, and for many years he has been engaged in the successful practice of his profession in Shelby county. For more than thirty years he has been a resident of the thriving little city of Lentner, and he is recognized as one of its most prominent and influential citizens. He has various capitalistic interests of importance and is one of the principal stockholders of the Bank of Lentner, of which he has been president from the time of its inception,