

and their attractive home is one in which a gracious hospitality is ever in evidence.

#### THE CLARENCE SAVINGS BANK.

In the stability, scope and management of its financial institutions Shelby county has a source of just gratulation, and among the prominent concerns exercising important functions and fortified by all that is reliable in executive control and capitalistic reinforcement, is the Clarence Savings Bank, established in the thriving little city of Clarence.

The Clarence Savings Bank was organized in January, 1905, and was duly incorporated under the laws of the state, with a capital stock of \$20,000, which was increased to \$40,000 at the annual election of the stockholders in January, 1907. The personnel of the original board of directors was as here noted: J. H. Merrin, Burrel Million, Dr. J. W. Megee, B. L. Glahn, H. C. Williams, M. H. Lewis and W. M. Pritchard. The executive officers of the institution have remained the same from the initiation of business until December, 1910, when James O. Stribbling was elected president to succeed J. H. Merrin, who retired on account of his extreme age. Mr. Stribbling enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout the county and his connection with the bank will add to the strength and popularity of that now popular banking house. The other officers are: Burrel Million, vice-president (Mr. Million died in the summer of 1910 and J. B. Shale was elected in January, 1911); and Walter M. Pritchard, cashier. There has been no change in

the directorate save that in April, 1909, upon the death of Dr. Megee, J. B. Shale was chosen as his successor. The present board of directors is composed of the following gentlemen: J. O. Stribbling, J. B. Shale, B. L. Glahn, H. C. Williams, W. M. Pritchard, W. L. Hamrick and M. H. Lewis. The bank now controls a large and representative support and its business is constantly expanding in scope and importance. Sketches of the careers of its president and its cashier may be found on other pages of this volume.

#### HON. NATHANIEL MEACON SHELTON.

Eminent as a jurist, occupying an exalted place in the confidence and esteem of the people as a citizen, and an ornament to any social circle of which he is a part, Hon. Nathaniel Meacon Shelton, of Macon, circuit judge of the Second judicial district of Missouri, is an honor to the state in which he lives, the profession to which he belongs, and high-toned American manhood, of which he is so shining an example.

The Judge was born near Troy, Lincoln county, this state, on March 17, 1851. His parents were Meacon and Anna (Berger) Shelton, natives of Pittsylvania county, Virginia, where the father was an extensive planter and owner of large tracts of land and numerous slaves. They were married in 1828, in their native state, and when they determined to migrate to the then far distant and uncivilized region beyond the Mississippi from their ancestral home, they came to Missouri in 1833, making