

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. Fraternally 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

followed farming there in a vigorous and progressive way, and with great success, until 1907, when he retired from active pursuits and moved to St. Louis, where he is now enjoying the competence he acquired by his long years of arduous labor, the esteem of the people, which he won by his worth as a man and his usefulness as a citizen, and the rest he so richly earned. He also was a man of prominence during the days of his activity and wielded considerable influence in Lincoln county, being elected county assessor in 1880 and re-elected in 1882. After that he served for a number of years as chairman of the county central committee of the Democratic party, of which he has been a life-long member, and won high commendation for his wisdom in the councils and his activity and effectiveness in the detail work of his party through many hard-fought campaigns.

He was married in 1861 to Miss Mollie Shelton, of Lincoln county, in this state. They had four children, all of whom are living: Robert L., Cooper S., and Lucy, who are all residents of St. Louis, and Dr. Harry B., of Shelbyville. Their mother died in 1878, and in 1881 the father married a second time, making Miss Martha Light, a native of Virginia, his wife on this occasion. They have had two children, their son Wallace T. and their daughter Mary I., both of whom are living and reside in St. Louis. The father is a member of the Masonic order and of the Missionary Baptist church.

Dr. Harry B. Hammond obtained his academic training in the district schools of his native county and a graded public

school in Troy, Missouri. After leaving school he worked for the street railway company in St. Louis two years. In 1895 he entered the dental department of Washington University, St. Louis, and was graduated from that institution with the degree of D. M. D. in 1898. He began practicing at Shelbyville the same year and has been continuously and successfully engaged in his professional work there from that time to the present (1910). He is considered invaluable to the professional life of the city, as his practice is very large and his patrons are devotedly loyal to him and constant in their esteem of him and his work.

On October 22, 1897, Dr. Hammond was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Knest, a daughter of John C. and Katherine Knest, popular residents of St. Louis. They have one child, their son Thomas B., who is living at home with his parents. The Doctor is a Democrat in politics, an Odd Fellow in fraternal relations and a Baptist in religious affiliation. He is a leading member of the Missouri Dental Association and the Washington University Alumni Association. He takes an earnest interest and helpful part in all matters of local improvement, and is accounted one of the best citizens of Shelbyville and Shelby county.

FRED CRAIGMYLE.

The interesting subject of this brief memoir is in all essential respects a self-made man. He began the battle of life for himself at the age of twenty, and without variance or a shadow of turning he has remained in his part of the great field of human endeavor from that